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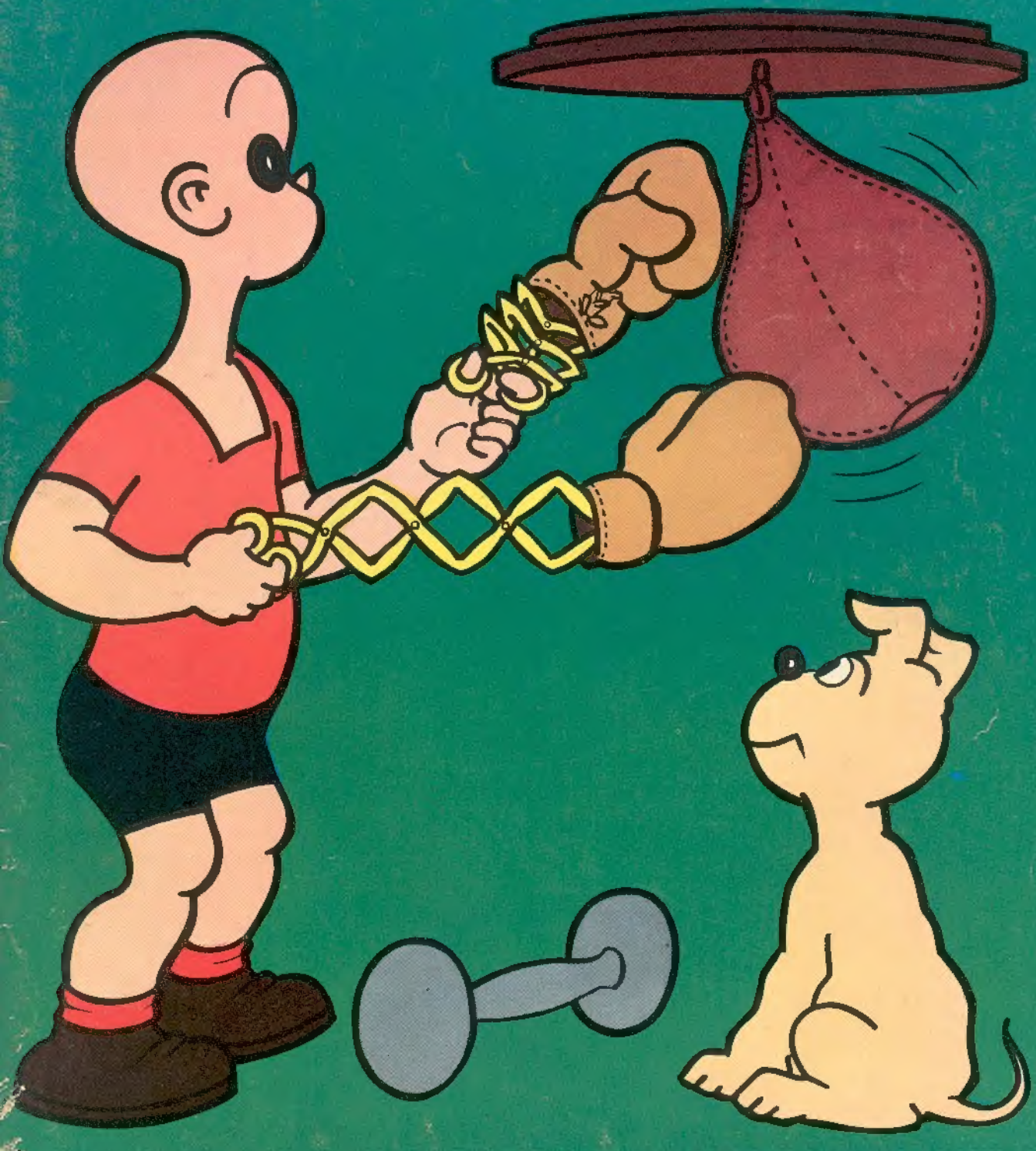

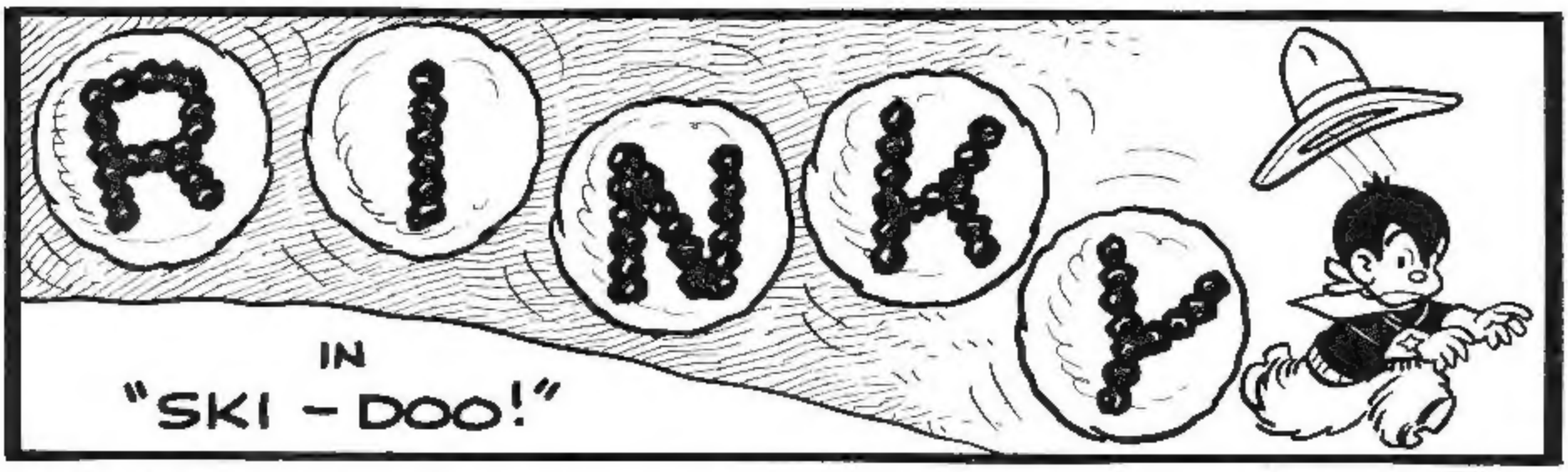

"No! My answer is . . . NO! You're much too young to go skiing," Rinky's father exclaimed, as he clamped on the brand new skis which he had bought on his last trip to town.

Rinky turned away sadly and looked out the window at the white blanket of snow which covered the Circle-O ranch. More than anything in the world Rinky wanted to go skiing.

Big Jeff, the Circle-O's cook, looked at father's new skis and said, "Reckon I could make you a pair of skis in a jiffy, Rinky." But Rinky's father frowned at Big Jeff and said, "Rinky's not going to get skis till I hear a snowman talk! And snowmen don't talk! Skiing is too dangerous for someone as little as Rinky!"

Rinky looked at Big Jeff and said, "Gee, Big Jeff, snowmen can't talk, can they? And that means I'll never go skiing!" Big Jeff, who always looked at the bright side of things, said, "Well, Rinky, you can't tell for certain! I've seen some mighty funny things happen around the Circle-O. We'll just have to wait and see . . . and in the meantime, let's go out and build a snowman!"

Big Jeff started pushing a snowball along the ground. Soon he had it rolled into a giant snowball. "This will make a fine base for a snowman, Rinky! You make another big snowball and I'll go in and get a pipe and some coal for buttons!" Big Jeff said with a smile.

Rinky started rolling the top half of the snowman. But he couldn't keep his eyes from the top of Crag Mountain where his father was working his way slowly upward.

In a few minutes Big Jeff came out of the ranch house with a big grin on his face. "This old hat is just the thing, Rinky! We'll put it on the snowman and . . ."

"Aw . . . what's the use, Big Jeff? Our old snowman can't talk! And I'll never get a pair of skis!" said Rinky sadly.

Then Rinky turned and looked at the top of Crag Mountain. But he couldn't see his father anywhere. Suddenly he pointed to a big snowball which was rolling down the side of the mountain. "Look, Big Jeff! Father must be making snowballs and rolling them down Crag Mountain. He sure is having fun up there!"

Big Jeff squinted up at the mountain. "That's not a snowball, Rinky! That's your father!" Without another word, Big Jeff rushed into the ranch house and ran out with a pair of snowshoes. Quickly he put them on. Rinky, who was now very excited, dashed into the house and came out with two old tennis rackets and some heavy cord.

Rinky had his homemade snowshoes tied on in a flash. Big Jeff grinned as they hurried off toward Crag Mountain. They followed the ski trails made by Rinky's father to the foot of the tall mountain.

Then Big Jeff made a startling discovery. "Look, Rinky! The wind has rolled up quite a few snowballs. I can't see your father!"

"I can't either!" shouted Rinky above the howling of the wind.

Big Jeff looked worried as he squinted all around the mountain. Small mountain slides, caused by the wind, had rolled up many snowballs. "It'll take us a couple days to break open all these snowballs, Rinky!" he shouted.

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"WARM HEARTS and COLD FEET!"

POOR UNK!

TSK! TSK!

BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU COME OUT - HENRY! IT'S TREACHEROUS WALKING!

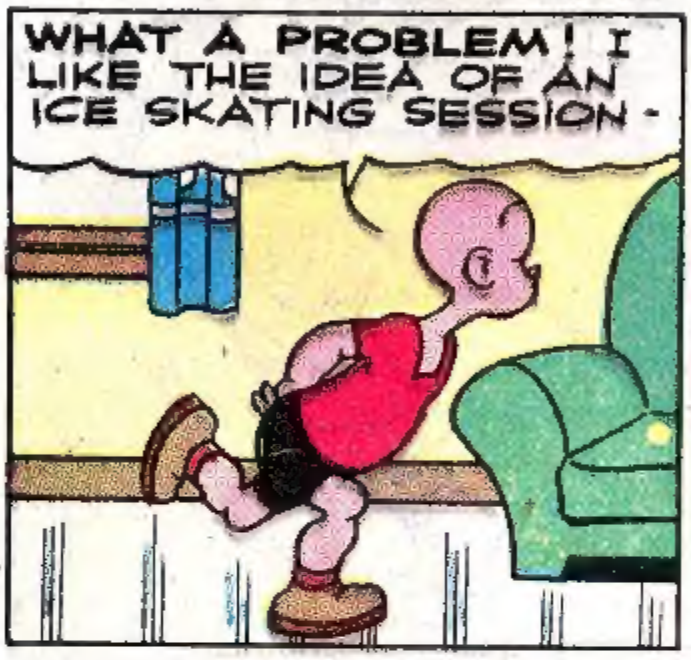
HENRY 9-5-41

HOW DO YOU KNOW, UNCLE?

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANY WALKING - AS YET!

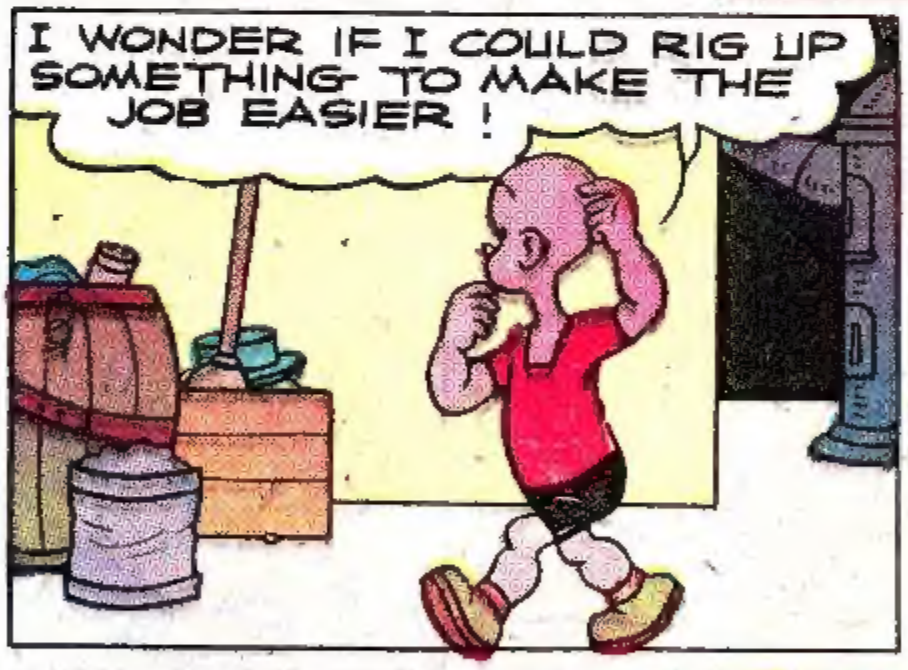
HI - HENRY ! THE LAKE'S RIPE FOR ICE SKATING !

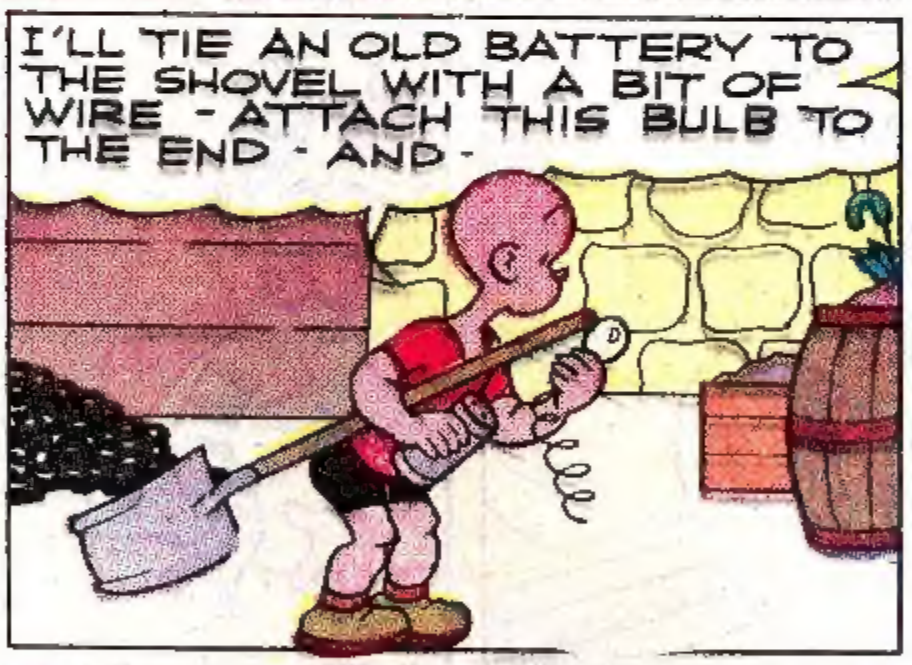
GRAB A SHOVEL ! WE'LL NEED YOU TO HELP CLEAR THE SNOW FROM THE ICE !


WHAT A PROBLEM ! I LIKE THE IDEA OF AN ICE SKATING SESSION -

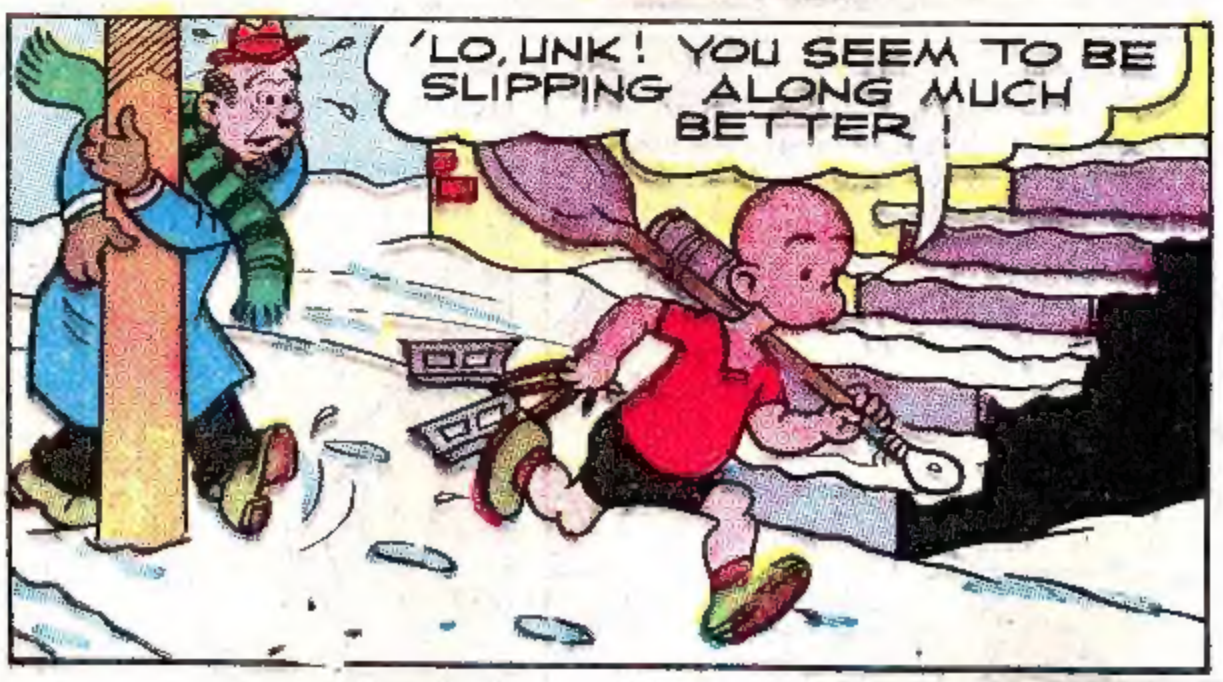
BUT - -

THE PROSPECT OF PUSHING A SHOVEL LEAVES ME COLD !


I WONDER IF I COULD RIG UP SOMETHING TO MAKE THE JOB EASIER !


I'LL TIE AN OLD BATTERY TO THE SHOVEL WITH A BIT OF WIRE - ATTACH THIS BULB TO THE END - AND -

HOPE MY LABOR - SAVING SHOVEL IS A SUCCESS !


'LO, UNK ! YOU SEEM TO BE SLIPPING ALONG MUCH BETTER !

AH - LOOK AT THAT GANG! ONE OF THOSE KIDS SHOULD HAVE **THE CURIOSITY OF A CAT!**

-AND - NO CAT IS MORE CURIOUS THAN **TIMID TOBY!**

?

EXCUSE ME - HENRY - - BUT THAT'S AN ODD GADGET - - **WHAT IS IT?**

IT'S A CREATION OF MINE - TOBY - CALLED **THE ELECTRO - SHOVEL!** IT BUILDS MUSCLES, WHILE INJECTING PEP INTO YOUR SYSTEM!

YOU'RE **KIDDING** - AREN'T YOU - HENRY?

KIDDING? THIS SHOVEL - WHEN MAKING CONTACT WITH SNOW - BRINGS OUT ALL THE STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF A **LION!**

WOULD YOU MIND VERY MUCH IF I TRIED IT?

WELL - OKAY! BE WARY - THOUGH - **YOU WON'T KNOW YOUR OWN STRENGTH - IN A SHORT WHILE!**

!

BOY! HE FELL FOR IT LIKE ME, TRYING TO MAKE THE **FIGURE EIGHT!**

IF THIS THING IS NO FAKE - AND I BECOME AS SCRAPPY AS A BOBCAT, **I'M GOING TO KNOCK THE BLOCK OFF BUTCH HOGAN!**

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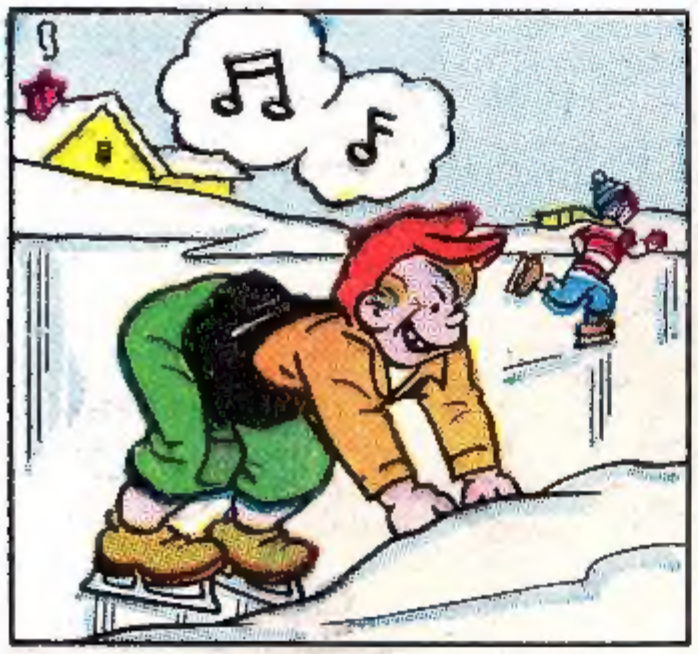
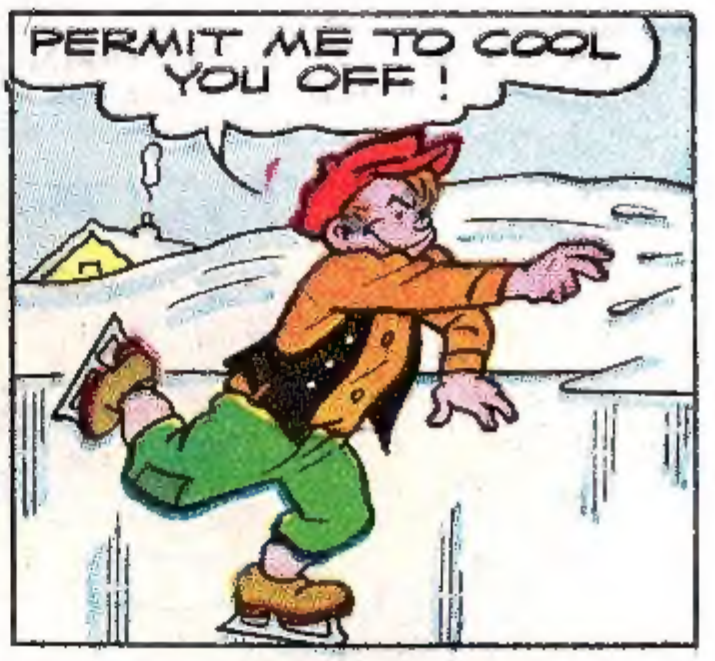
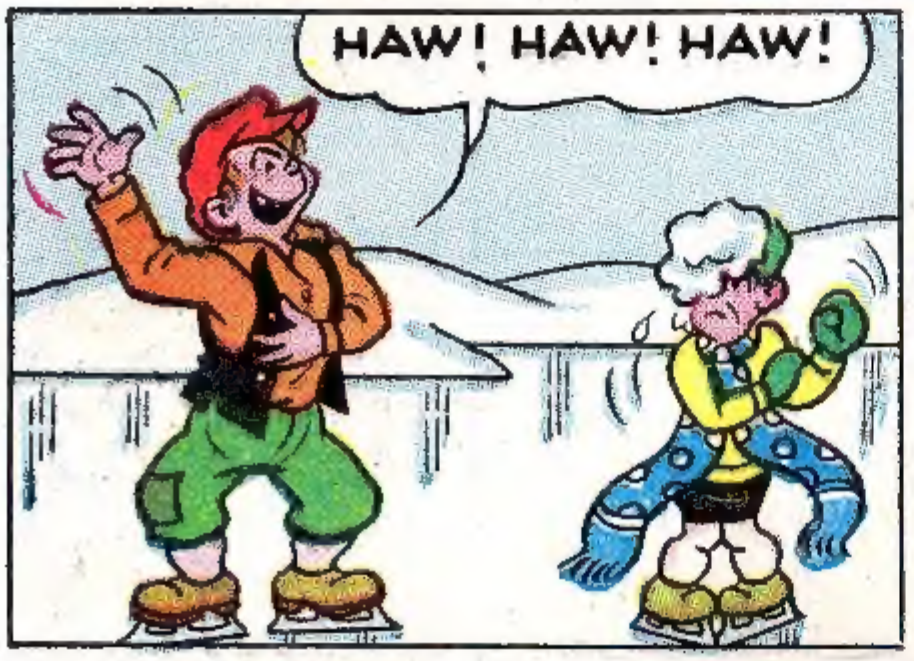


HEY - TOBY ! YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD - -


PERMIT ME TO COOL YOU OFF !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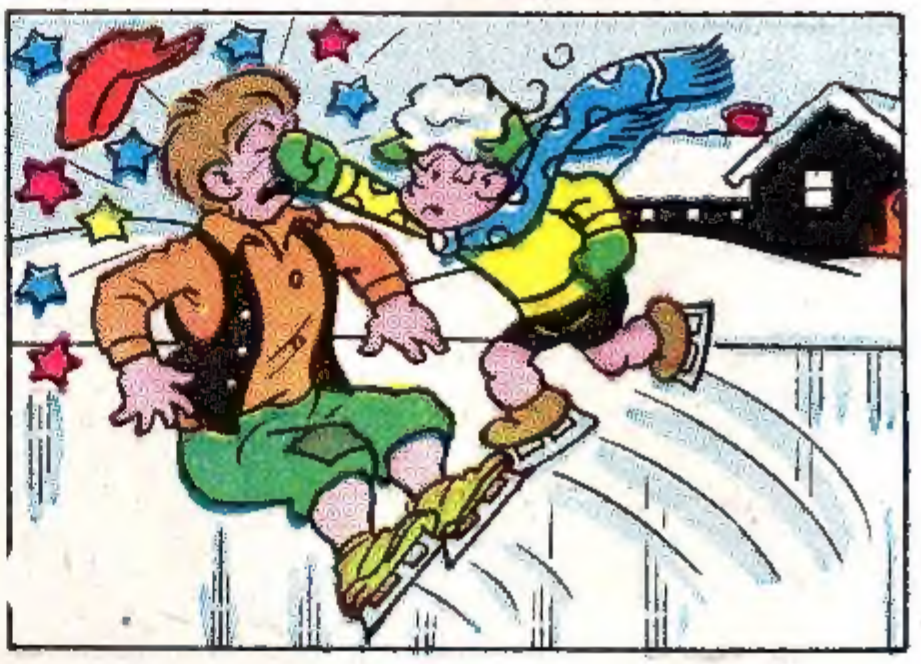
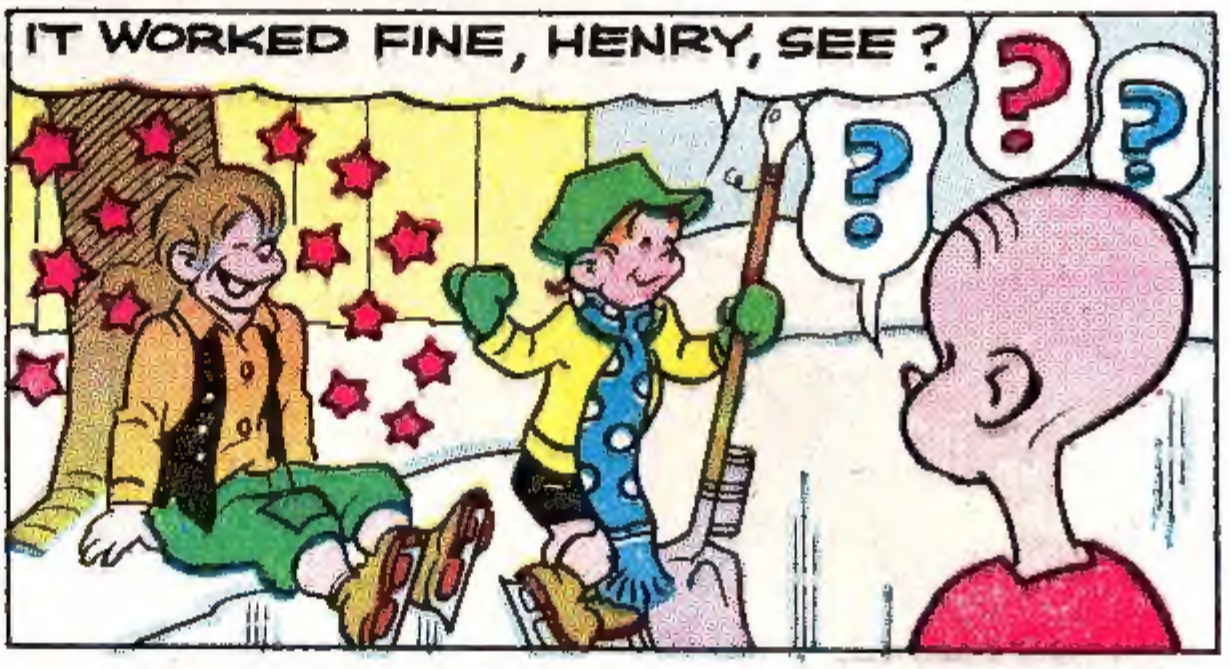


I'D BETTER GET BACK - AND SEE HOW TOBY IS GETTING ALONG !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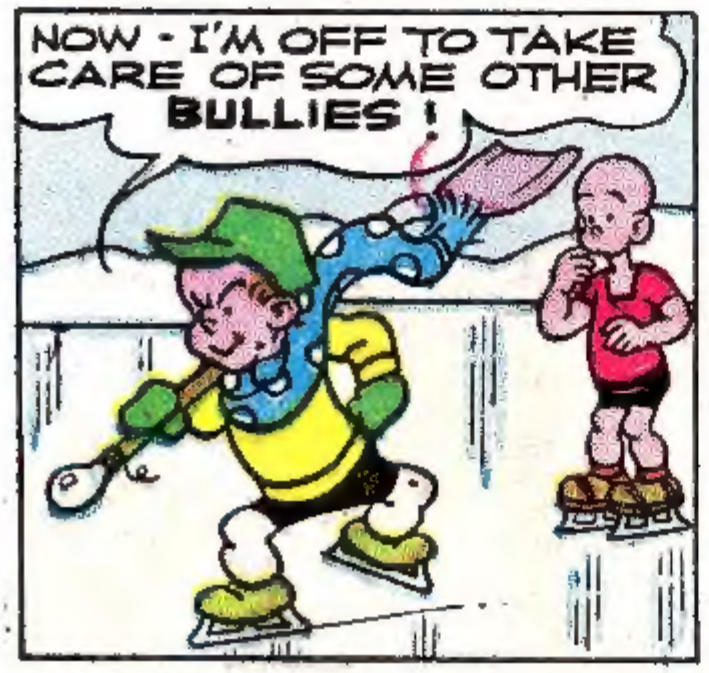

NOW - I'M OFF TO TAKE CARE OF SOME OTHER BULLIES !

JUST ONE MINUTE - TOBY !

I INVENTED THAT SHOVEL FOR PEACEFUL USE - - NOW, LISTEN - - -

WE'LL LEAVE THE MAGIC SHOVEL HERE - WHILE WE SKATE AROUND AND GAB!

BUTCH DESERVES A LICKING - BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS PICKING ON SOMEONE SMALLER THAN HIMSELF!

-BUT- FIGHTING ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST ANSWER TO TROUBLE!

LET'S WATCH THIS - FOR EXAMPLE!

HEY!

WHY DON'T YOU GET TOUGH WITH SOMEBODY YOUR SIZE?

WHY DON'T YOU?

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS SORT OF SITUATION CAN GO ON AND ON!

GEE!

GOLLY! I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT LIKE THAT BEFORE!!!

DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING FROM THAT LITTLE LESSON - TOBY ?

YES, SIR -

SPEAK SOFTLY - BUT CARRY A BIG, MAGIC SHOVEL !

O

IT ISN'T WORTH THE EFFORT TO TRY TO TEACH THESE CHARACTERS - - -

YOU MEET SUCH STRANGE FOLKS ON ICE SKATES !

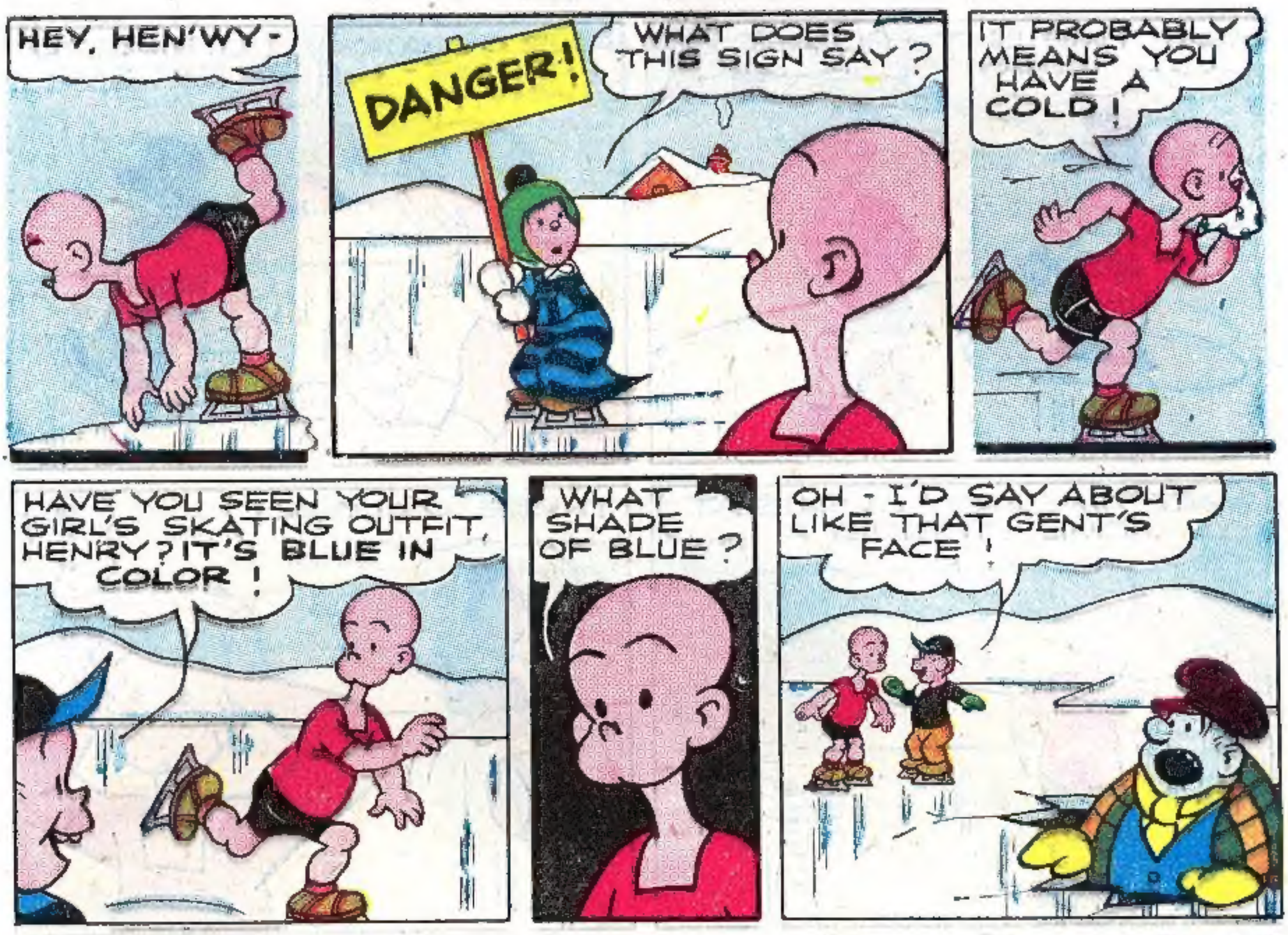
DID YOU KNOW YOUR EAR MUFFS HAVE HOLES IN THEM - CHUM ?

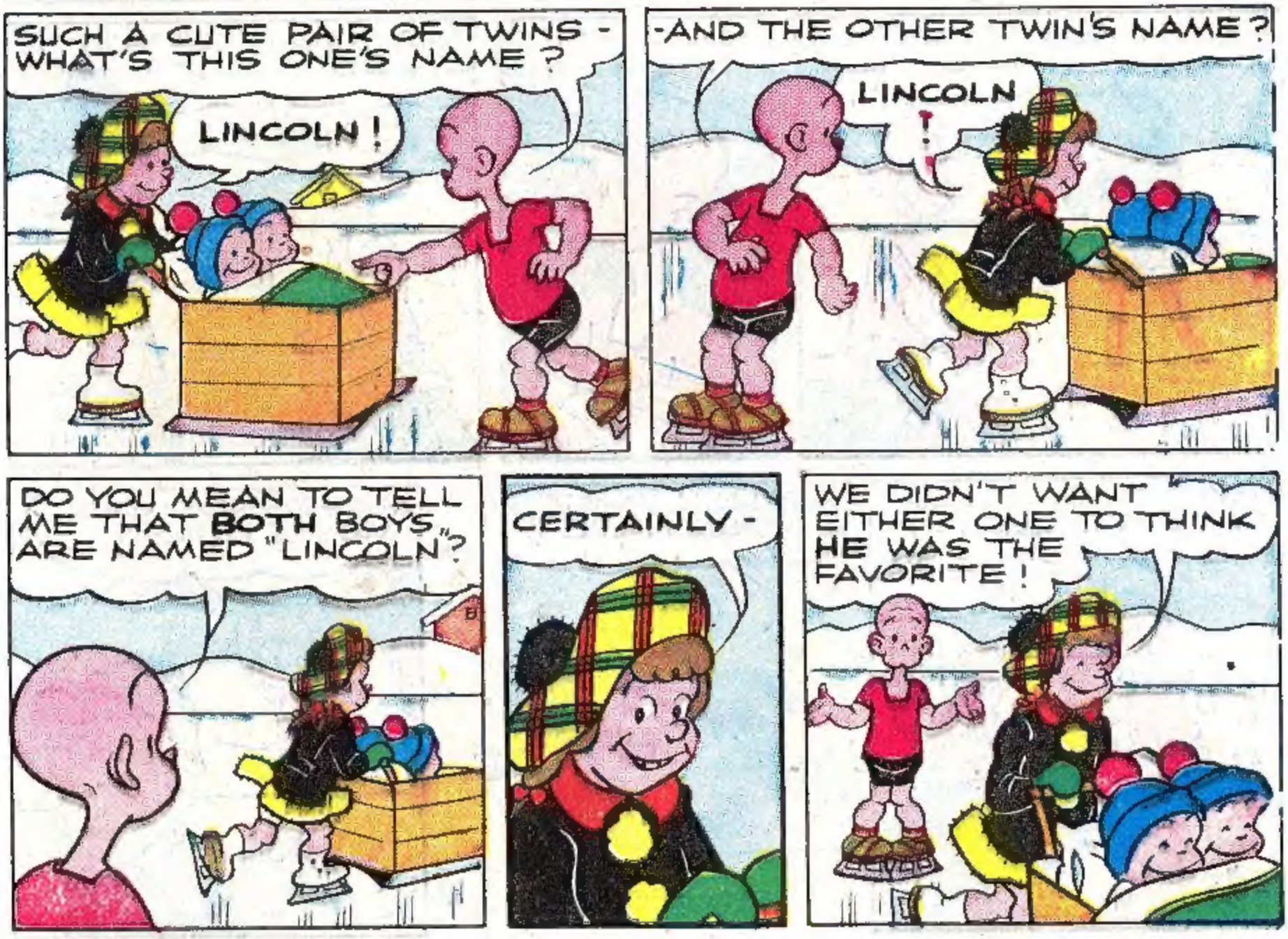
NATCH !

SOMEONE MAY ASK ME TO HAVE AN ICE-CREAM CONE, OR SOMETHING !

SAY - KIDDO - ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME ?

SORRY - SIR ! I WAS MERELY PLAYING MENTAL TICKTACK-TOE !


HEY, HEN'WY -
DANGER!
WHAT DOES THIS SIGN SAY ?
IT PROBABLY MEANS YOU HAVE A COLD !
HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR GIRL'S SKATING OUTFIT, HENRY? IT'S BLUE IN COLOR !
WHAT SHADE OF BLUE ?
OH - I'D SAY ABOUT LIKE THAT GENT'S FACE !


SUCH A CUTE PAIR OF TWINS - WHAT'S THIS ONE'S NAME ?
LINCOLN !
-AND THE OTHER TWIN'S NAME ?
LINCOLN !
DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT BOTH BOYS ARE NAMED "LINCOLN"?
CERTAINLY -
WE DIDN'T WANT EITHER ONE TO THINK HE WAS THE FAVORITE !

WHAT TIME IS IT - PLEASE, HENRY ?

FOUR O'CLOCK - FREDDIE - WHY ?

I'LL HAVE TO BE GETTING HOME !

WHAT TIME ARE YOU DUE AT HOME, FREDDIE ?

THREE O'CLOCK !

!

MY FATHER COLLECTS CURIOS !

YOU DON'T SAY ?

HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE ?

MY FATHER SELLS PERFUMES !

REALLY ! WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?

MY FRIENDS CALL ME "STINKY" !

ENOUGH OF THIS! I'M GOING TO FIND HENRIETTA, AND LIVE A LITTLE!

THERE SHE IS - CUTTING FANCY FIGURES WITH MONTGOMERY!

HM-MM!

I HAVE IT - I THINK!

TURN AROUND - BLIMP! I WANT TO WRITE A NOTE!

DON'T DOT YOUR "I'S" SO HEAVILY - HENRY!

NOW - DO ANOTHER FAVOR FOR ME - AND DELIVER THIS TO HENRIETTA - **PERSONALLY!**

THERE GOES A GUY WITH A HEART AS LARGE AS HIS BIG, FAT STOMACH!

TURN AROUND, TINY! I WANT TO WRITE A NOTE!

GO EASY ON THE DOTS, HENRY!

GIVE THIS TO HENRIETTA - TINY - AND HURRY, PLEASE!

I'LL GET THE SLED - WHILE THE BOYS THROW THEIR WEIGHT AROUND!

I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU, GORGEOUS!

-AND I HAVE A POSTSCRIPT!

HOW ABOUT GOING SLEDDING WITH ME? LOVE -Henry

P.S. CAREFUL! THE ICE SHOULD BE CRACKING BY NOW

CRACK

EEEK!

TAKE IT EASY - SWEETHEART! THE WATER'S ONLY A FOOT DEEP!

RELAX - HONEY! WE'LL GET AWAY FROM IT ALL!

WHEE! ISN'T THIS GREAT?.. HOKEY SMOKES - LOOK THERE'S UNK!

POOR UNK! HE'S BEEN OFF HIS FEET ALL DAY!

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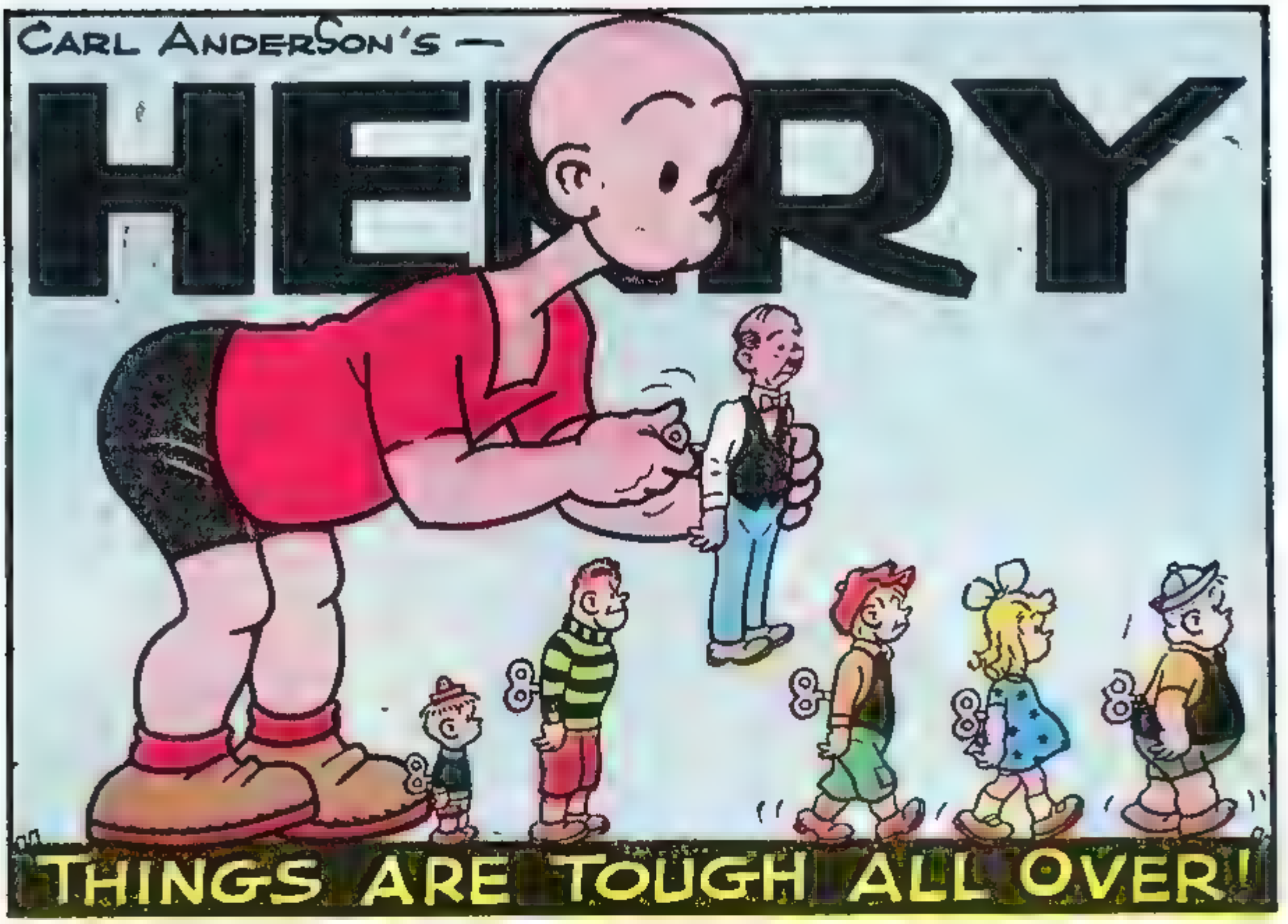
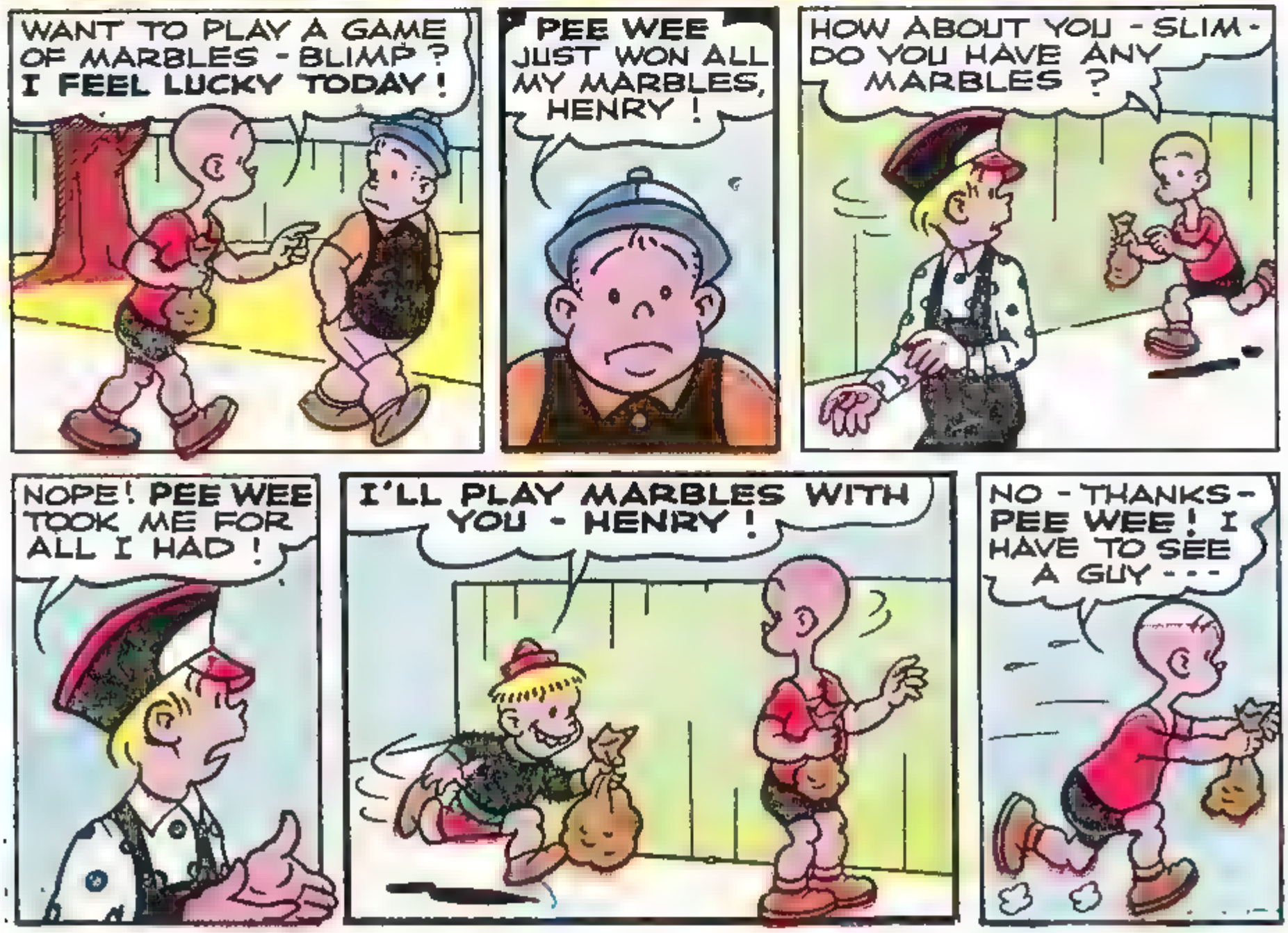



WANT TO PLAY A GAME OF MARBLES - BLIMP? I FEEL LUCKY TODAY!
PEE WEE JUST WON ALL MY MARBLES, HENRY!
HOW ABOUT YOU - SLIM - DO YOU HAVE ANY MARBLES?
NOPE! PEE WEE TOOK ME FOR ALL I HAD!
I'LL PLAY MARBLES WITH YOU - HENRY!
NO - THANKS - PEE WEE! I HAVE TO SEE A GUY - - -

-AND - I'M DE GUY YOU HAVE TO SEE! GIVE ME DAT BAG OF MIBS!

I'LL ADMIT YOU'RE RATHER RUGGED - BUTCH! BUT - A NEW LAD HAS MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHO IS TOUGHER THAN YOU!

GOOD! I'LL ASK HIM TO SHOOT MARBLES WITH ME! WHERE DOES HE LIVE, MY BALD PAL?

HE'S AT 23 ELM STREET - AND - YOU'D BETTER PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES!

DON'T WORRY! HIM AND ME WILL BE LIKE DIS!

I'LL TAKE A SHORT CUT TO RUFFY'S HOUSE! BUTCH'LL HAVE TO LEARN TO BE A NICE GUY THE HARD WAY!

AH! THERE'S RUFFY'S PLACE!

RING!

AWRIGHT! AWRIGHT! KEEP YER SHIRT ON - I'M COMIN'!

?

?

RING!

I MUST BE COO-COO! DAT SOUNDS LIKE DE DOOR BELL AGAIN!

SOMEBODY HAVIN' A LITTLE JOKE - EH?

RUFFY WILL WAIT RIGHT HERE INSIDE DE DOOR TO GREET ME BASHFUL VISITOR!

WHAT WAS DAT NUMBER AGAIN? OH, YEAH - 23!

23

RING!

WELL! WELL! YOU RESEMBLE A FELLOW WHO DOESN'T HAVE ALL HIS MARBLES, BUTCH!

?

I HATE TO RUB IT IN - BUT I WARNED YOU TO KEEP YOUR GUARD UP - OLD BOY!

MARBLES - ANYONE?

WHY - SURE!

OH! IT'S YOU - PEE WEE!

SORRY, PAL! AS I MENTIONED EARLIER - I HAVE TO SEE A GUY!

?

SAY - NOW! DIS IS WHERE I CAME IN - GIVE ME DOSE MARBLES!

THINGS ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT - BUTCH! YOU DIDN'T HAVE A BLACK EYE BEFORE!

I SAID, GIVE ME DOSE MARBLES!

ANYTHING TO OBLIGE - BUTCH!

WHY NOT PLAY MARBLES WITH BUTCH - PEE WEE! HE'S BACK THERE ALL READY - ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES!

PHEW! I COULD USE SOME REFRESHMENT - SUCH AS AN ICE-CREAM SODA - OR A SUNDAE - OR SOMETHING!

I'LL PAY YOU A QUARTER - IF YOU'LL PERMIT ME TO TACK A POSTER ON THIS FENCE - SONNY!

SURE, MISTER! GO RIGHT AHEAD!

SMELLO SOAP

THANK YOU - MY BOY!

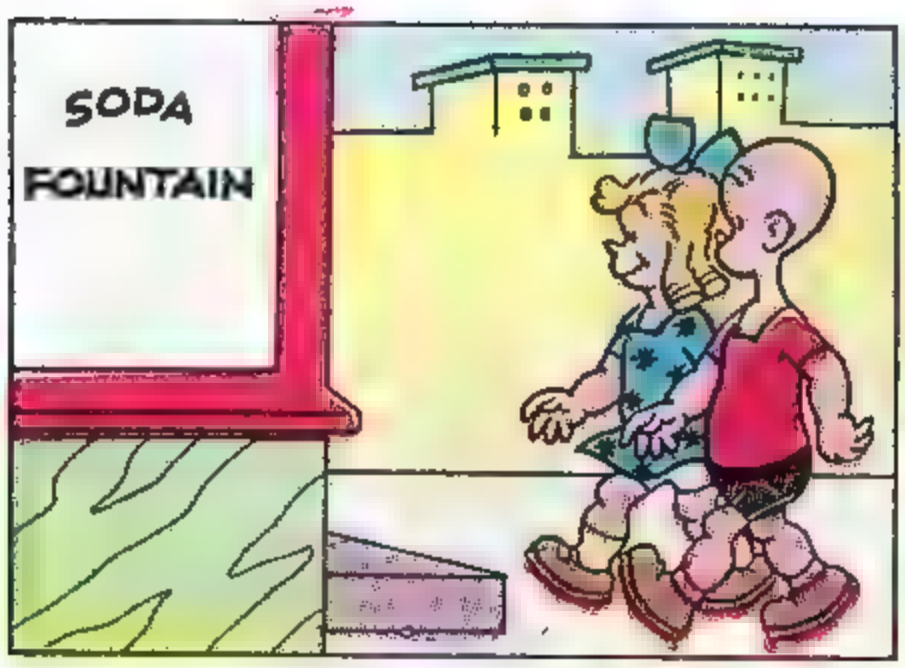
THANK YOU - SIR!

I WONDER WHO LIVES HERE?

SMELLO SOAP

SHALL I HAVE A BANANA SPLIT - OR -

HELLO!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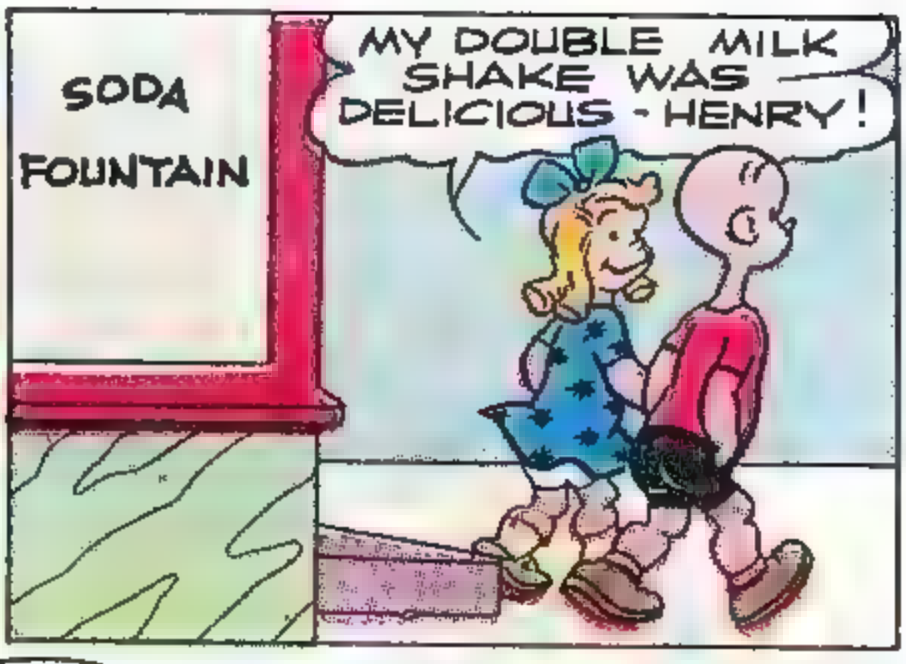
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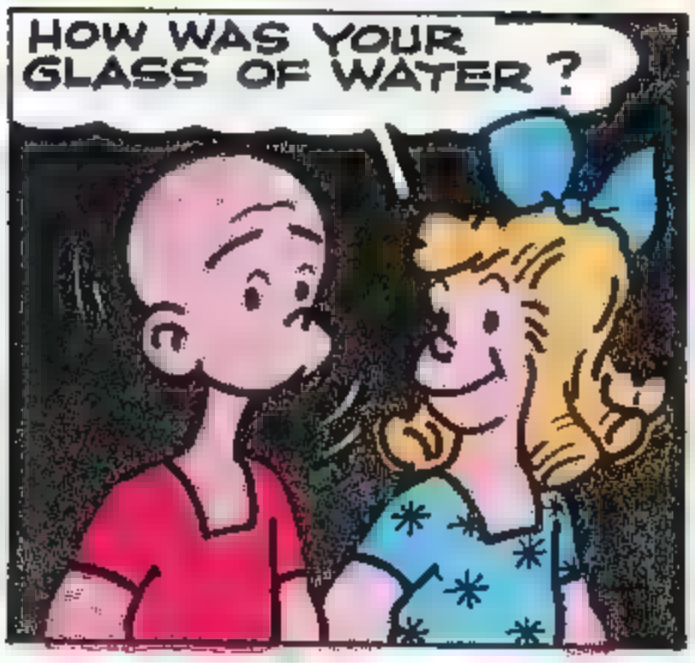
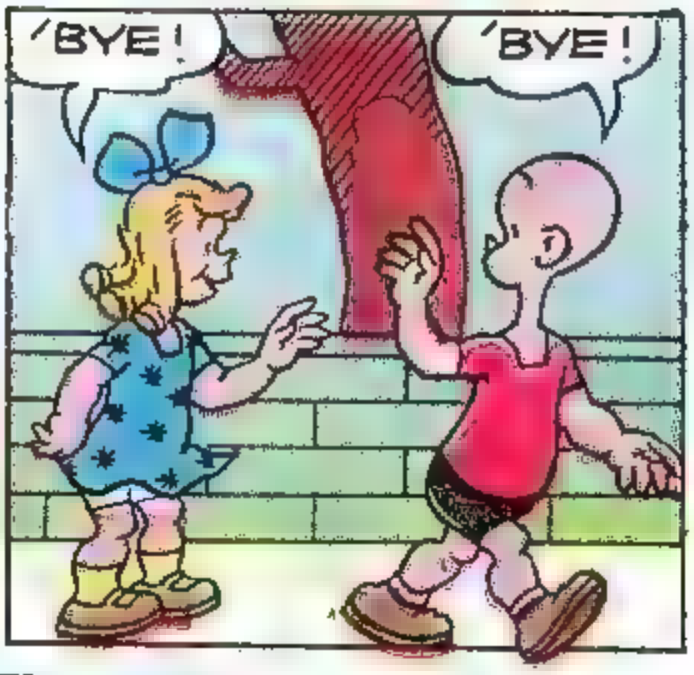
MY DOUBLE MILK SHAKE WAS DELICIOUS - HENRY!


HOW WAS YOUR GLASS OF WATER?

TASTY - VERY TASTY!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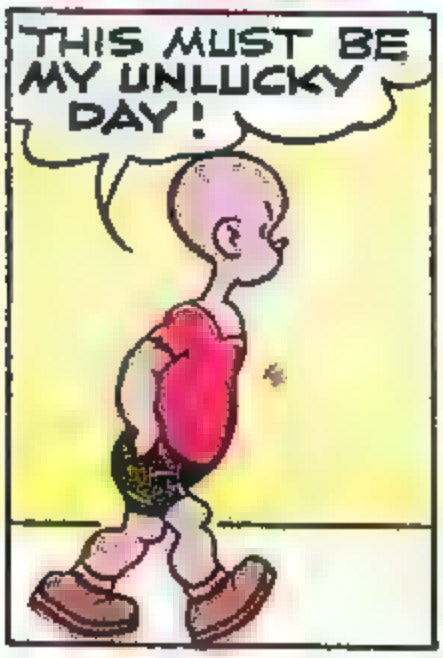
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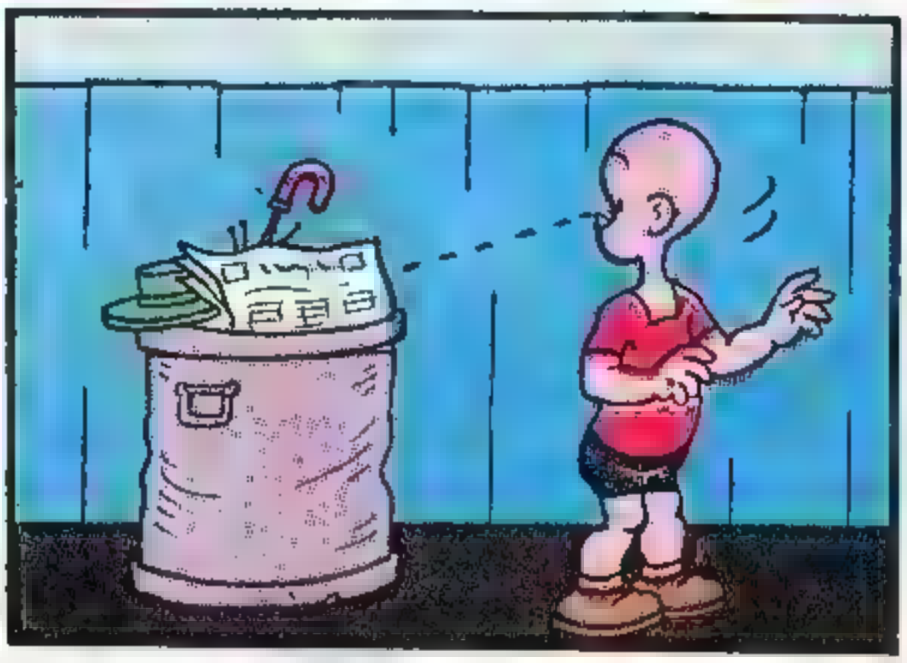
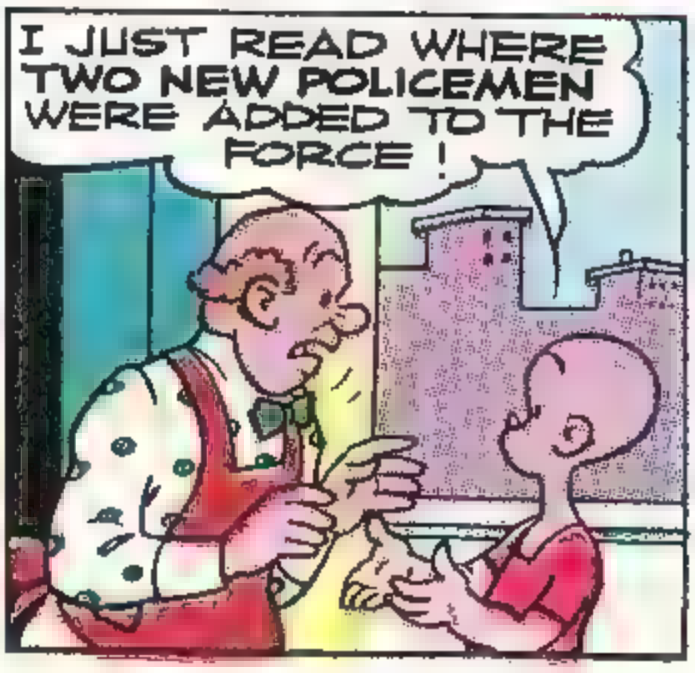


IT'S JOE THE FRUIT MAN'S UNLUCKY DAY - TOO!

I'D TAKE YOUR BARREL OF APPLES INSIDE - IF I WERE YOU - JOE!
JOE'S FRUIT

IS THAT SO - WHY - HENRY?


I JUST READ WHERE TWO NEW POLICEMEN WERE ADDED TO THE FORCE!

THANKS FOR THE TIP - HENRY! HAVE AN APPLE ON THE HOUSE!

THANK YOU - JOE! YOU'VE HEARD THAT OLD SAYING - "AN APPLE A DAY" -

HM!

HI - DOC'!

M.D.

HELLO!

'BYE!

'BYE!

BAH! I'M GOING HOME! EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE IN REVERSE TODAY!

HEY! YOU HAVE THAT PILLOW IN THE WRONG PLACE, KIDDO!

NO I HAVEN'T! I ALWAYS FALL ON MY FACE!

HE PROBABLY GOES DOWN A SLIDING BOARD HEAD FIRST !

SALE

SPRING ISN'T FAR OFF AND THEN THE PLAYGROUNDS WILL OPEN !

MEANWHILE - I'LL BUILD A SLIDING BOARD OF MY OWN !

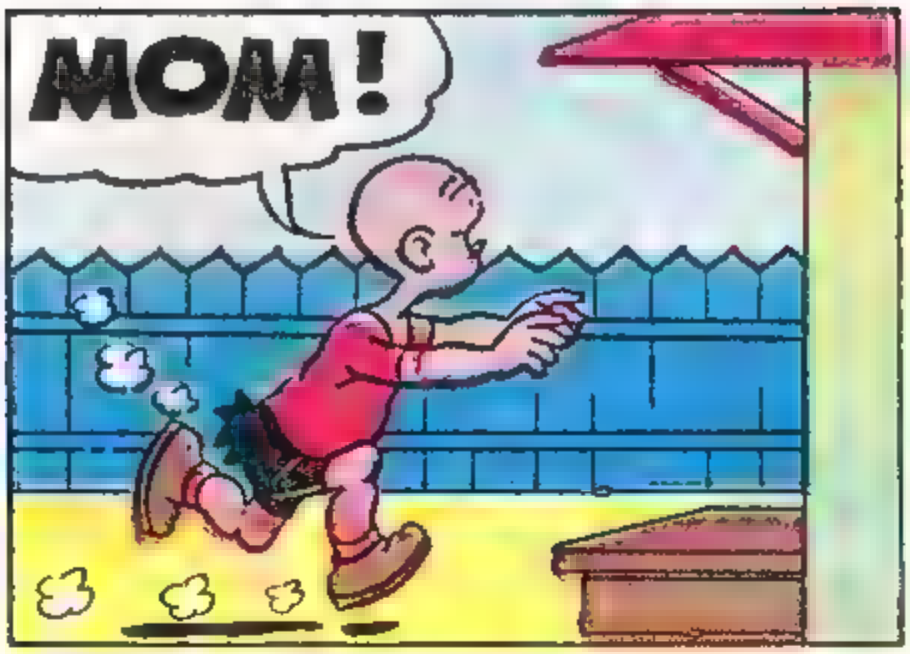
I'LL PILE UP A FEW BOXES - - -

THEN PLACE A LONG BOARD - LIKE SO - - -

- CLIMB THE STEPS - - -

- AND AWAY I GO !

OW - WOW - OW!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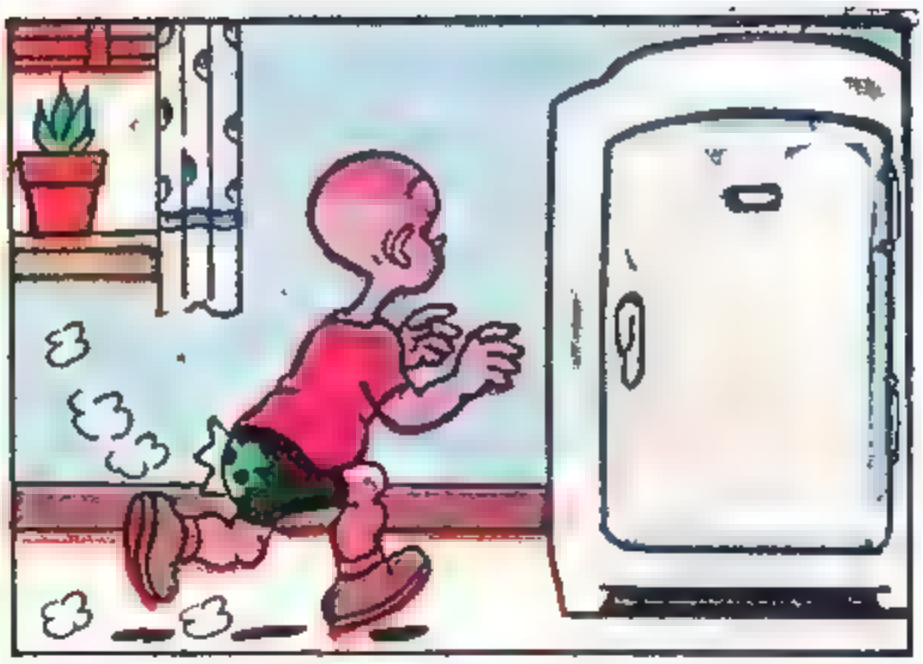
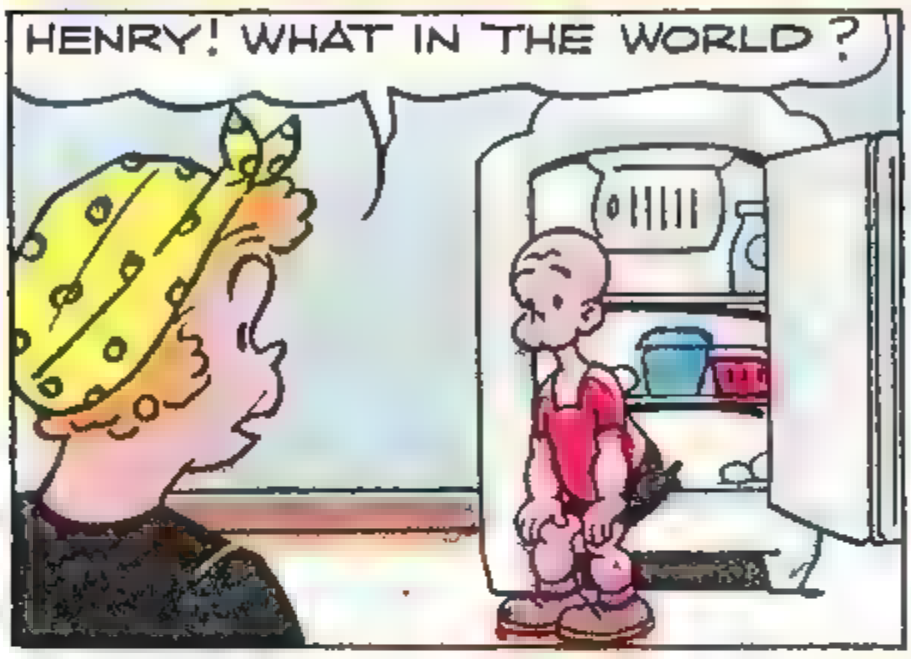
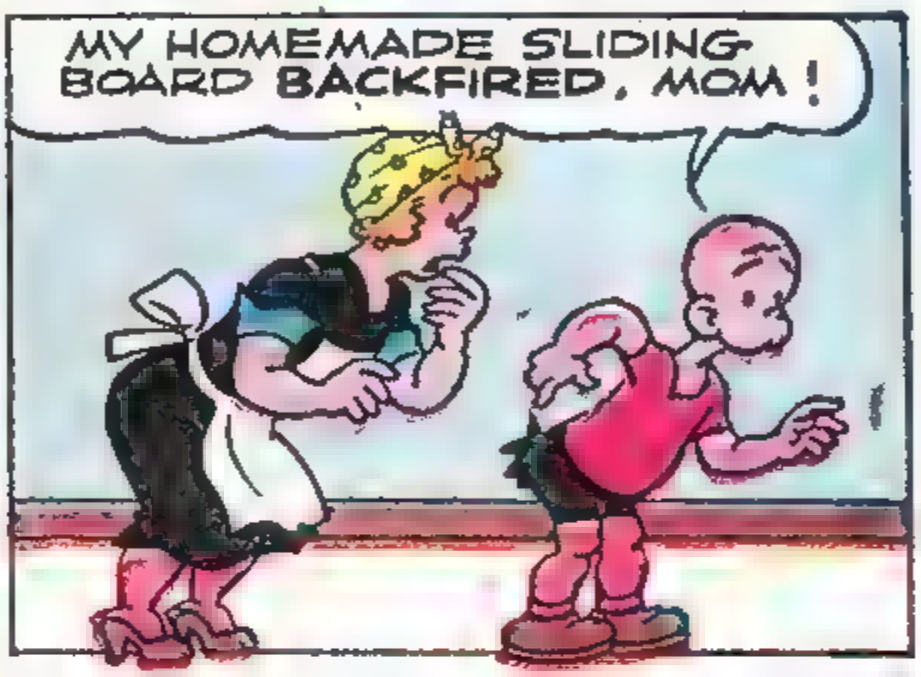
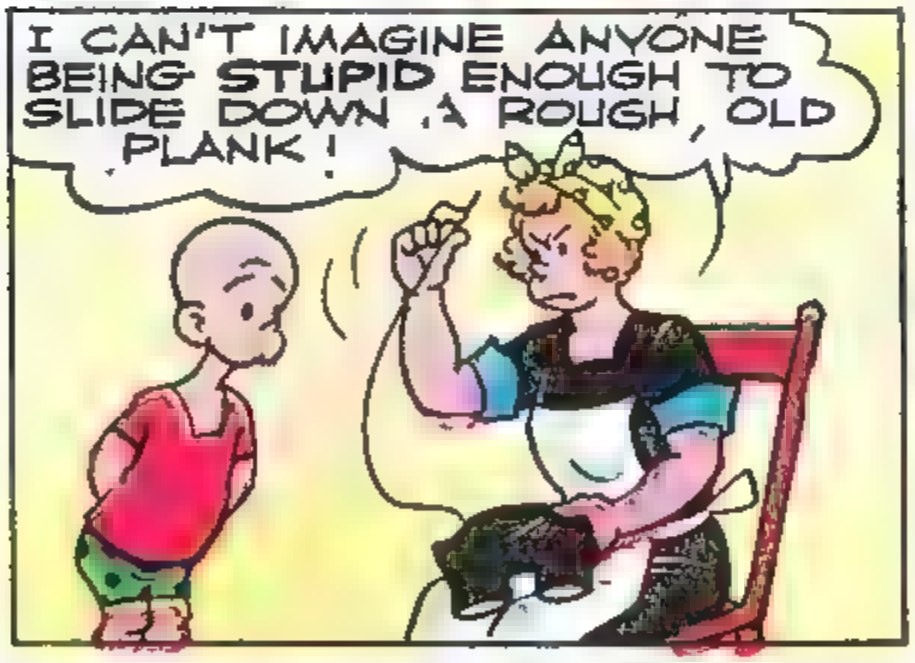



HENRY! WHAT IN THE WORLD?


MY HOMEMADE SLIDING BOARD BACKFIRED, MOM!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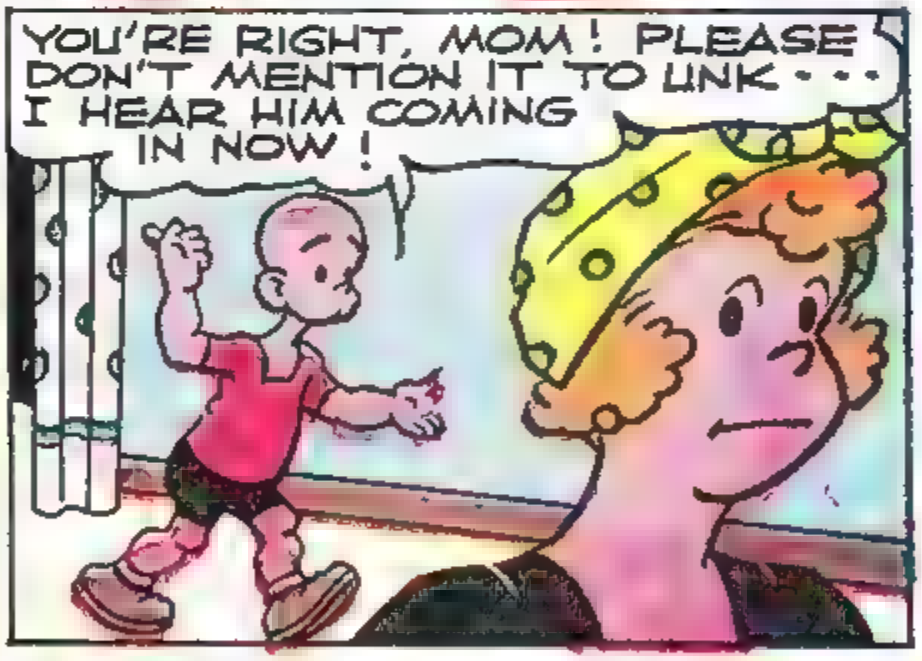
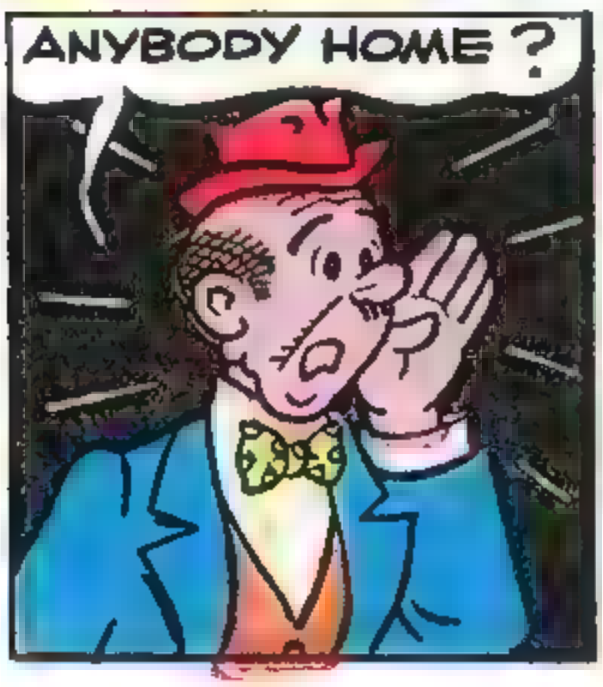

YOU'RE RIGHT, MOM! PLEASE DON'T MENTION IT TO LINK... I HEAR HIM COMING IN NOW!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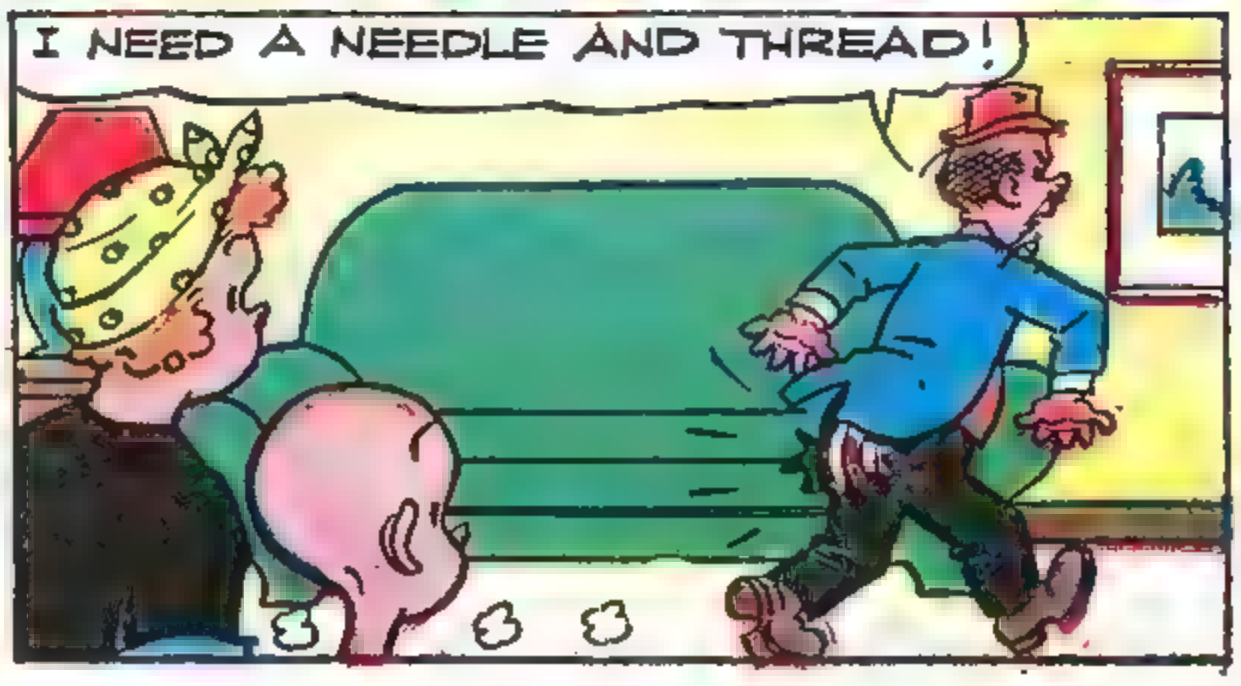

I NEED A NEEDLE AND THREAD!

I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYONE BEING STUPID ENOUGH TO - - -

THAT'S ENOUGH - YOUNG MAN! GO WASH OUT YOUR MOUTH WITH SOAP!

THAT BOY WILL HAVE TO SHOW MORE RESPECT FOR HIS ELDERS!

I SMELL SOMETHING COOKING - -

HENRY! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO WASH YOUR MOUTH WITH SOAP!

SOAP? I'M SORRY - MOM! I THOUGHT YOU SAID SOUP!

YOU SHOULDN'T SPANK ANYONE ON A FULL STOMACH, MOM!

HAVE NO FEAR! WHEN I CATCH YOU - I WON'T SPANK YOU ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!

THIS IS MY UNLUCKY DAY, FOR SURE! EVEN **MOM** HAS SOURED ON ME!

GEE - I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU - WINDY! I NEED COMPANY - AND YOU'RE THE BEST LITTLE CONVERSATIONALIST IN TOWN!

YEH!

WHAT SHALL WE TALK ABOUT - WINDY, OLD FRIEND?

EGGS!

OKAY! HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM BEST?

SOFT BOILED!

ONE, OR TWO - WINDY?

ABOUT -

FOUR!

WITH BUTTER AND TOAST?

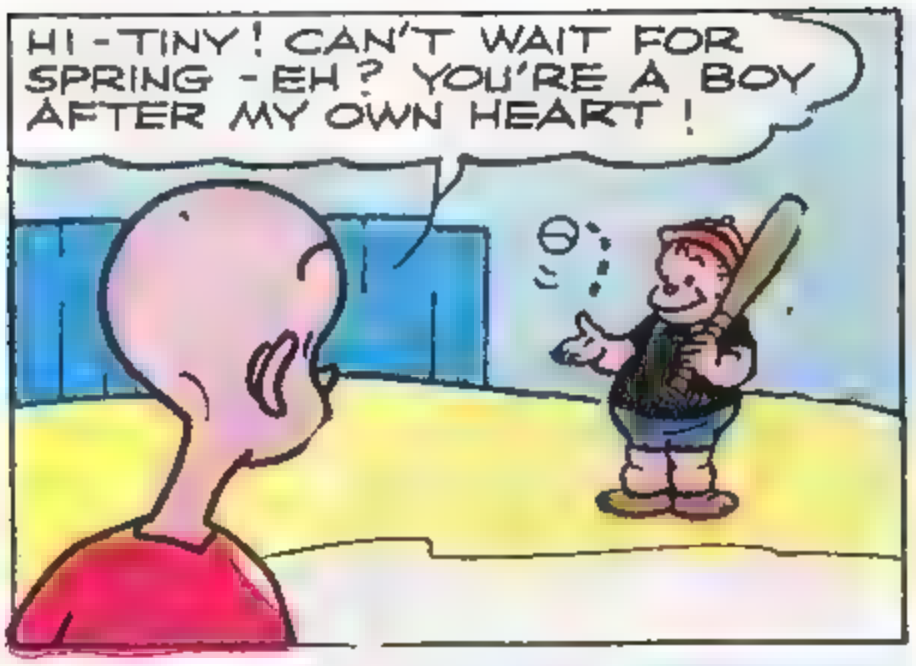
NATCH!

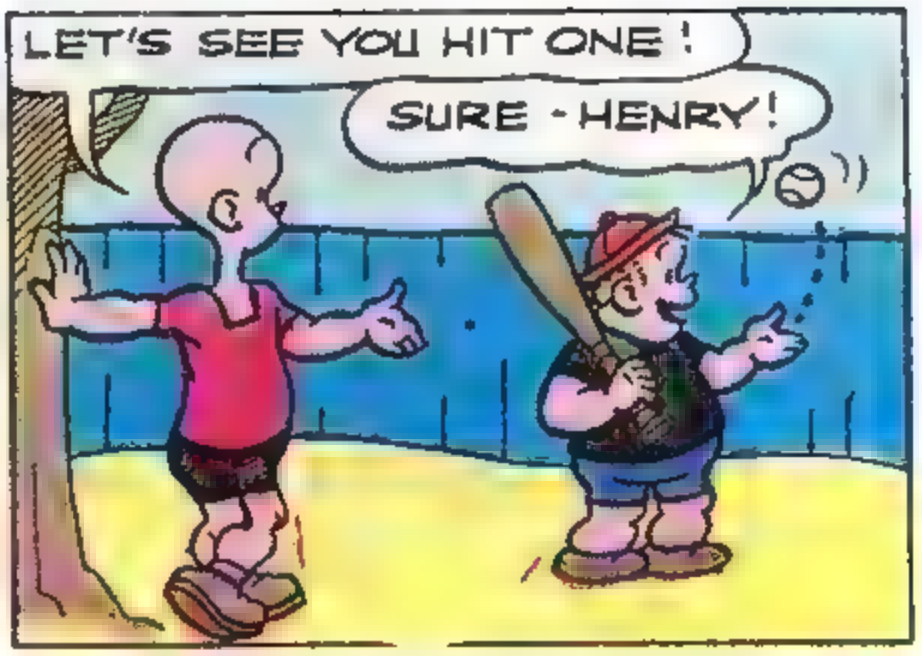
DO YOU CARE FOR ANY OTHER KIND OF EGGS?

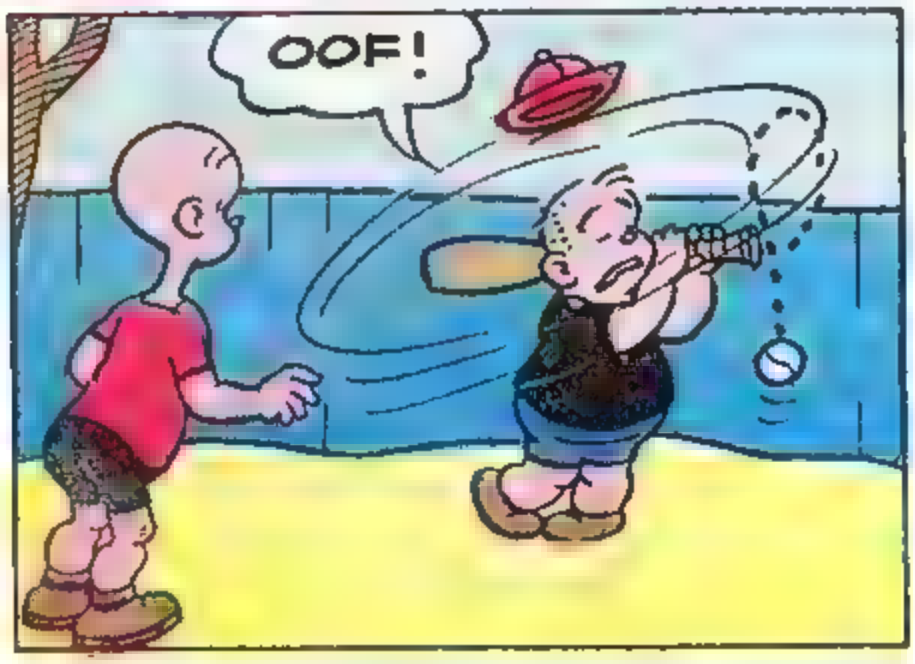
YUP!

EASTER!

THANKS FOR THE PEP TALK - WINDY: I APPRECIATE IT! SO LONG, FOR NOW!


HI - TINY ! CAN'T WAIT FOR SPRING - EH ? YOU'RE A BOY AFTER MY OWN HEART !


LET'S SEE YOU HIT ONE !
SURE - HENRY !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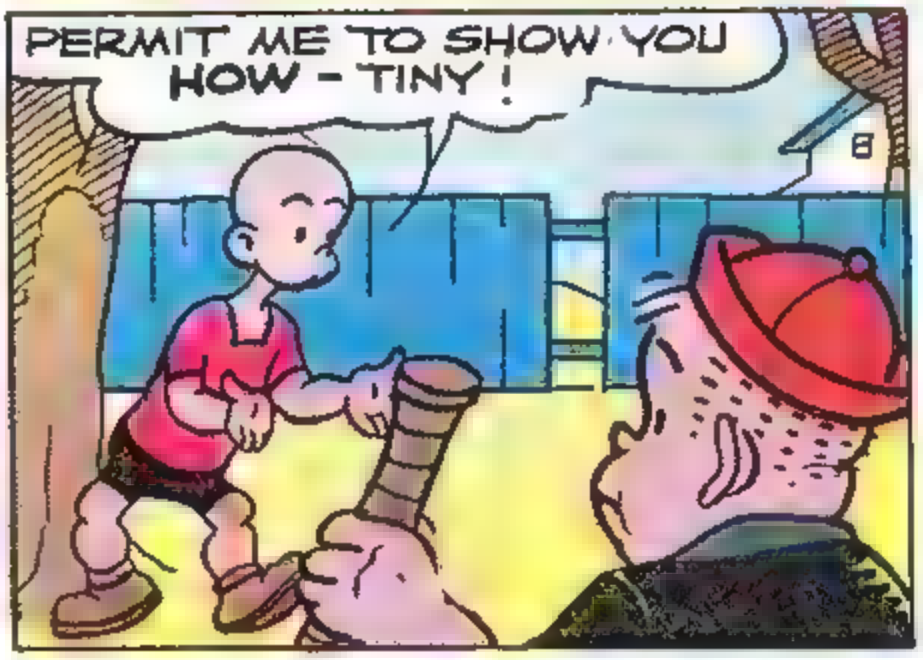
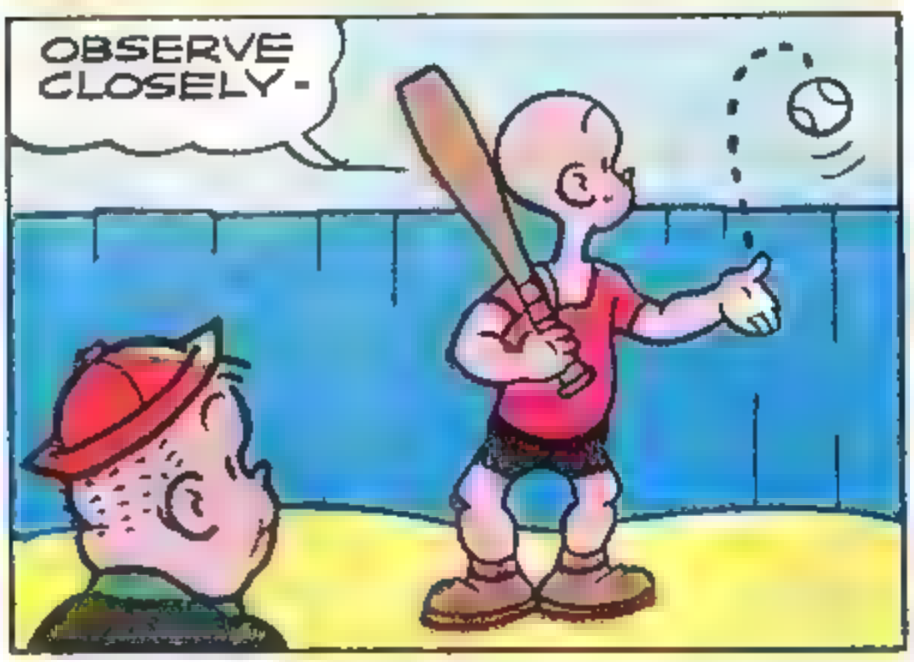

PERMIT ME TO SHOW YOU HOW - TINY !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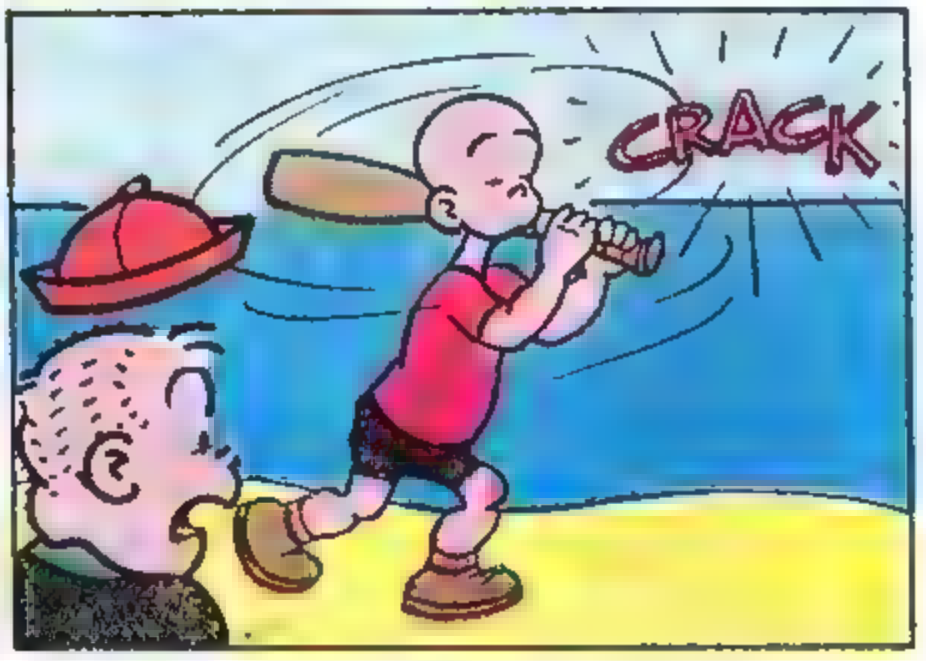
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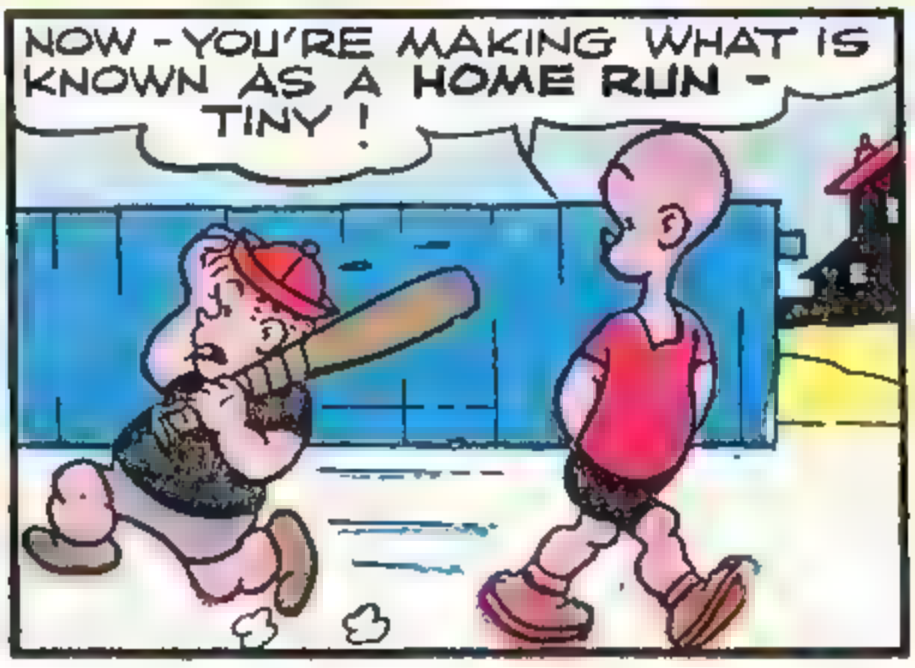
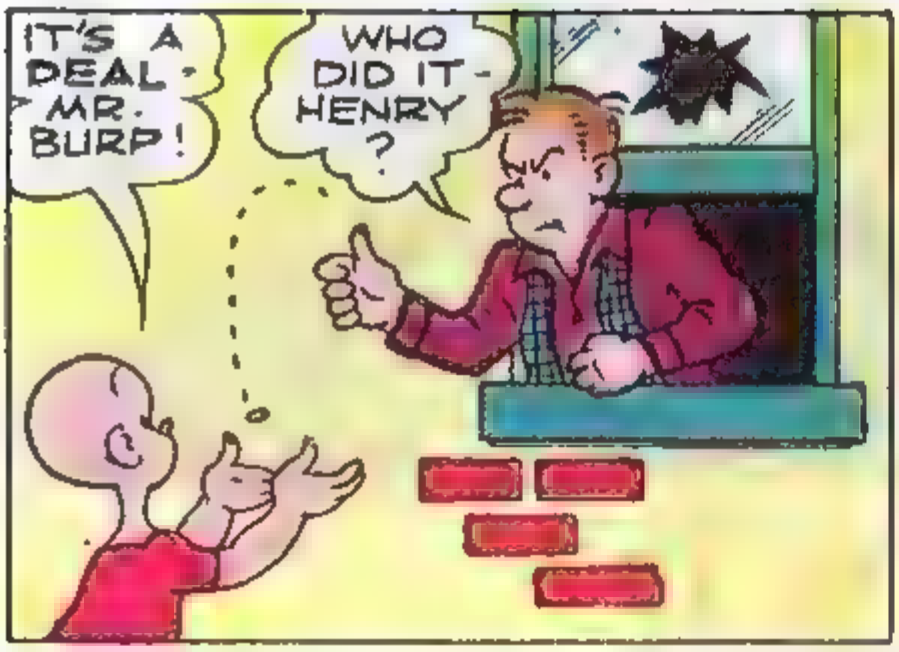
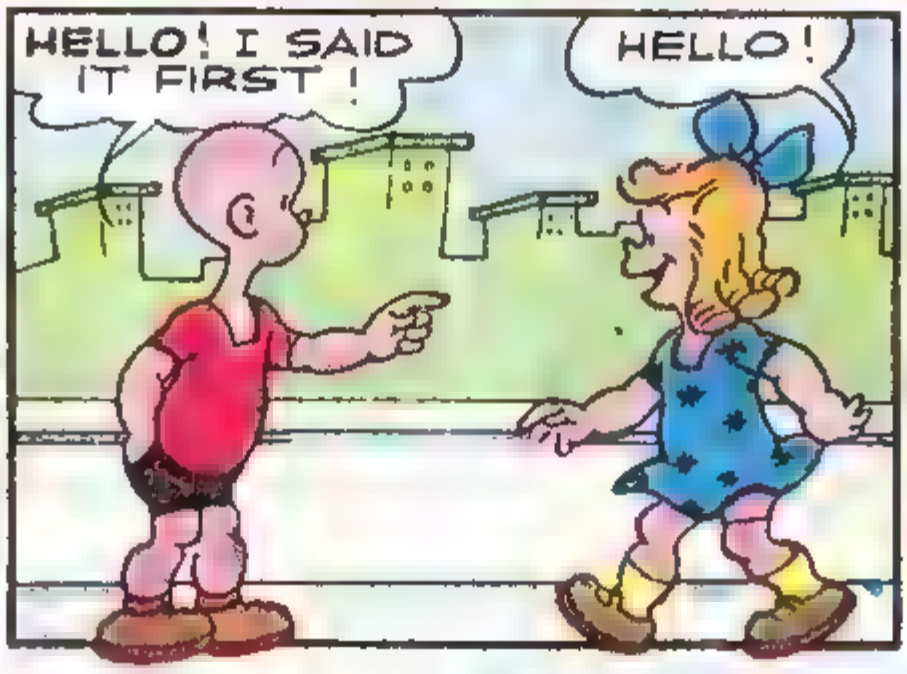

NOW - YOU'RE MAKING WHAT IS KNOWN AS A HOME RUN - TINY !

I'LL GIVE TEN CENTS TO FIND OUT WHO BROKE MY WINDOW !


IT'S A DEAL - MR. BURP!
WHO DID IT - HENRY ?

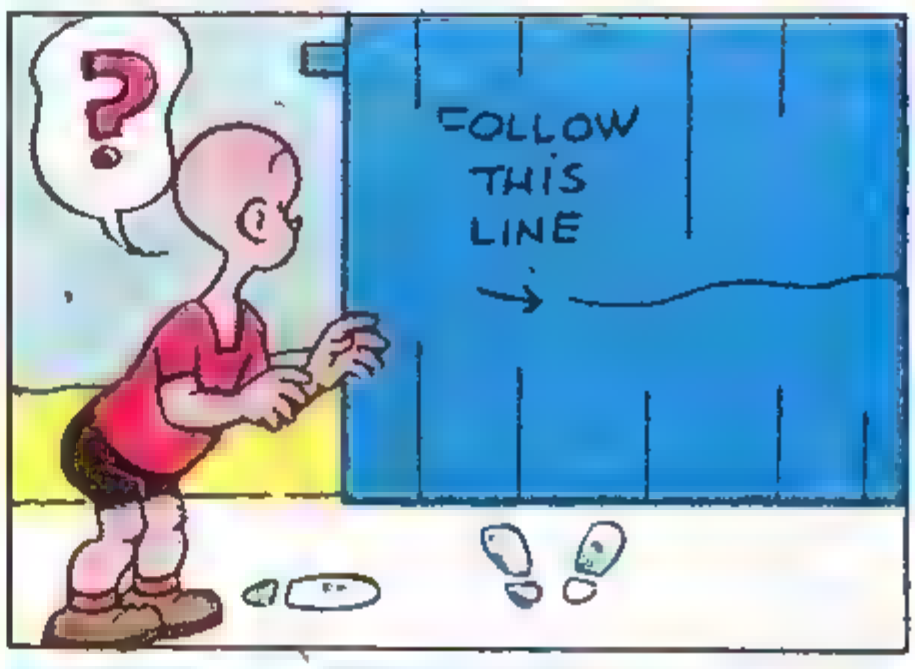
I DID! PLEASE RETURN TINY'S BALL TO HIM - AT YOUR LEISURE!

I KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT -- DON'T YOU ?


HELLO! I SAID IT FIRST!
HELLO!

'BYE!
'BYE!

HENRIETTA WILL MAKE A GREAT LADY DETECTIVE! SHE CAN FOLLOW A SCENT - OR A DIME OR QUARTER!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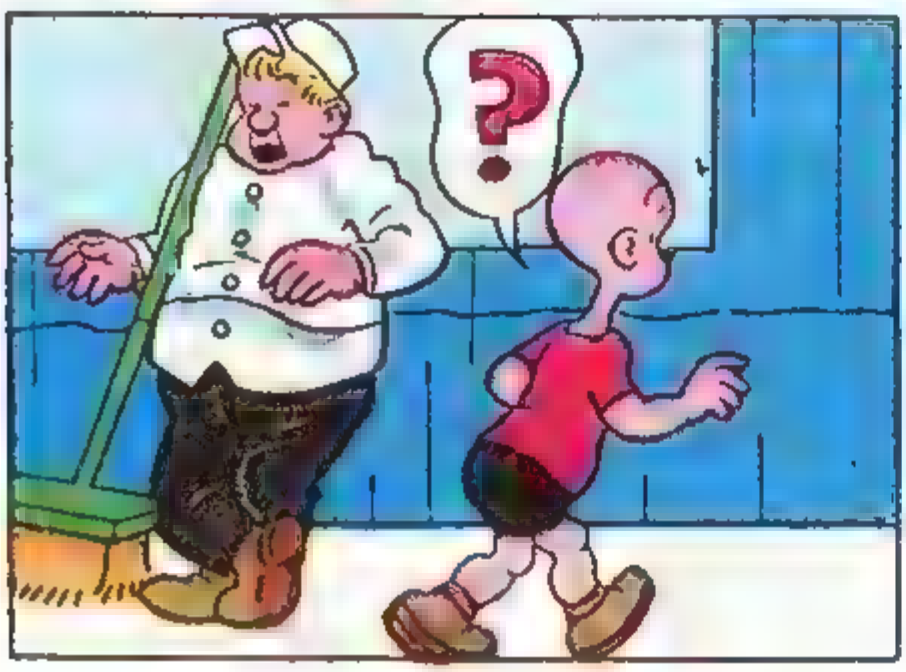
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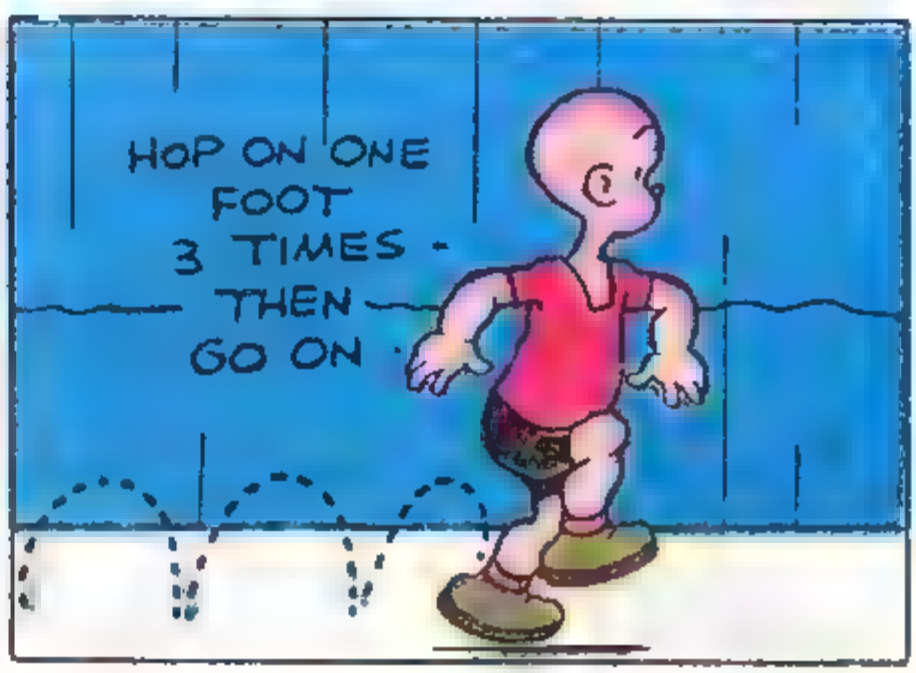
HOP ON ONE FOOT 3 TIMES - THEN GO ON

WALK ON HANDS 10 YARDS

PLACE HEAD IN HOLE

THAT'S ONE THING I WOULDN'T DO IF YOU WERE ME AND I WERE YOU!

"SAFETY DAN"!

GAMES ARE FUN BUT - DOUBLE CHECK IT NEVER PAYS TO RISK YOUR NECK!

A FINAL WORD FROM SAFETY DAN - "PLAY IT SAFE" IS THE WISEST PLAN!

I THINK DAN IS HINTING THAT I SHOULD TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS!

SO - I'LL DRAW A FACE ON THIS NICE, SMOOTH ROCK!

IT LOOKS COMICAL ENOUGH TO BE ME!

NOW - I'LL FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS TO THE LETTER!

HERE I AM - WHOEVER YOU ARE !

- AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE

ISN'T DIS A PLEASANT SURPRISE ?

?

JUST CALL ME "HENRY THE ROCK" - BUTCH !

MY RIGHT FIST IS A ROCK - CRUSHER ! PUT YOUR FACE BACK IN THE HOLE !

SURE !

SWING AWAY - BUTCH !

YOU'RE AN OLD SOFTIE !

HEY - BUTCH - - HERE COMES RUFFY! POKE YOUR HEAD THROUGH THE HOLE - AND WATCH ME CHASE HIM DOWN THE STREET!

IF YOU CAN DO DAT - I'LL HAVE TO CALL YOU "HENRY THE ROCK"!

IF YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU, RUF - YOU'LL GET OUT OF HERE IN A HURRY!

S'POSE YOU TELL ME WHY?

BECAUSE I THINK I'M GETTING THE MEASLES - THAT'S WHY!

SO LONG - "HENRY THE ROCK"!

I FINALLY MET SOMEONE WHO TOOK MY MARBLES AWAY FROM ME, HENRY!

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HELLO!

G'BYE!

THE END

LITTLE GUY

MURIEL

LITTLE GUY

- WITH THE BIG HEART!

DON'T FORGET TO BUY ME A BOTTLE OF KETCHUP - ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL, LITTLE GUY!

SMACK

OKAY - MOM! I HAVE TO HURRY - OR I'LL BE LATE!

PLOP

A-HA! SOME GIRL SENT MY BOY A BIG VALENTINE!

HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS FROM A GIRL - MOM?

BECAUSE - - I SENT IT - SON!

GEE! I FORGOT TO TAKE MY SHOWER THIS MORNING !

MAKE THAT ONE A KING - SIZE BUBBLE, GEORGIE, PLEASE !

POP!

AH - THAT MAKES ME FEEL CLEANER - BUT CHILLIER !

MIND IF I GO 'ROUND WITH YOU - BILLY? WE'RE LATE FOR SCHOOL, AND I'M COLD !

YOU AND ME BOTH - LITTLE GUY! I'LL HAVE YOU IN SCHOOL IN ABOUT A THOUSAND REVOLUTIONS !

AH!

YOU ARE LATE - WILLIAM !

YES'M !

DID YOU SEE ANYTHING OF LITTLE GUY ALONG THE WAY? HE HASN'T ARRIVED AS YET !

OH, YES I HAVE - MISS ZERO! I'M RIGHT HERE, BACK OF THIS INTERESTING BOOK !

SPELLING

HI - MURIEL !

WINK

HOW MANY IN THE CLASS CAN SPELL THE WORD "SUGAR"? RAISE YOUR HANDS, PLEASE !

WAIT A SECOND - MISS ZERO - PLEASE !

I SEE LITTLE GUY'S HAND ABOVE ALL THE REST !

SUPPOSE YOU COME UP TO THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND SPELL THE WORD FOR US !

SUGAR! M-U-R-I-E-L, SUGAR!

INCORRECT, EH - MISS ZERO'?

SAME OLD CLIMB !

DUNCE

PHEW! IT'S HOT IN HERE!

DUNCE

I NEED AIR - AIR!

DUNCE

AN "OUNCE" OF PREVENTION!

DUNCE

YOU MAY COME OUT NOW - LITTLE GUY -- I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU!

DUNCE

I WANT YOU TO DUST THESE BLACKBOARD ERASERS - AND THOROUGHLY!

TODAY - BOYS AND GIRLS - WE ARE GOING TO STUDY --

DUST STORMS - AND HOW THEY ARE CAUSED!

THESE STORMS BEGIN WITH TINY CLOUDS OF DUST - AND THEN --

CLASS DISMISSED!

MAY I CARRY YOUR BOOKS HOME - MURIEL ?

WHY - I'D BE DELIGHTED - LITTLE GUY! BUT - I DO THINK THEY'D BE TOO HEAVY FOR YOU !

M-M- YOU'RE A GALLANT ONE !

'BYE - MURIEL! I KNOW YOU WANT TO GO IN AND OPEN ALL YOUR VALENTINES !

I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT MOM'S KETCHUP !!!

WOW!

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MAY I HELP YOU - YOUNG FELLOW ?

NO - THANKS! I'M JUST WISHING !

ONE OF THOSE CHEAP - SKATES! YOU KNOW THE TYPE !

GOLLY! I CAN'T FEEL MUCH SMALLER !

I CAN'T AFFORD ONE - SO I'LL FORGET ABOUT VALENTINES!

AT LEAST THERE'LL BE NOTHING IN THE GROCER'S TO REMIND ME OF HEARTS!

CELERY HEARTS

HEARTS OF LETTUCE

A BOTTLE OF KETCHUP - PLEASE, SIR!

WHEN I GET RICH - I'LL HIRE AN AIRPLANE -- AND THEN MURIEL WILL SEE A GIGANTIC VALENTINE!

MATO TCHUP

MURIEL

LITTLE GUY

OOPS!

LITTLE GUY - YOU ARE WONDERFUL!

THAT'S THE BIGGEST AND MOST ORIGINAL VALENTINE, I'VE RECEIVED TODAY!

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THE END

(Continued from inside front cover)

"Maybe we ought to go back to the ranch and get some help!" Rinky said. Big Jeff was really serious now. "That would take too long, Rinky! It gets mighty cold inside one of those giant snowballs! We'll have to find your father in a hurry!" he said.

Just then a faint cry came from a very big ball of snow not far down the slope. "Did you hear that, Big Jeff?" cried Rinky. But Big Jeff was already slogging through the heavy snowdrifts toward the big snowball.

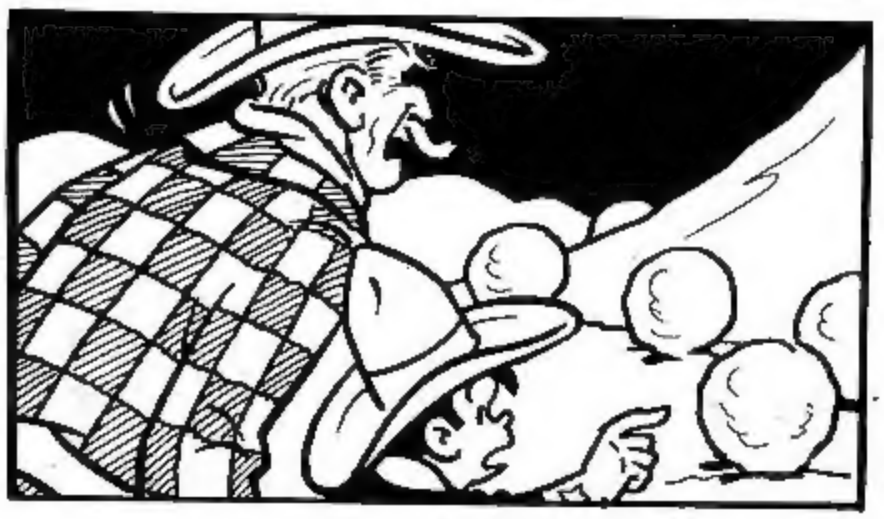
Soon they were hacking away at it. Big Jeff poked his arm right into the center of the cold snowball and then pulled his arm out. "He's not in this one, Rinky! The wind must be playing tricks with his voice. Come on, we'll try some of the other ones!" yelled Big Jeff as the wind started to blow stronger . . . and colder.

In rapid succession Big Jeff and Rinky broke open more than twenty snowballs . . . and all that was inside was snow! Every once in a while they would hear Rinky's father's voice as it drifted over the cold mountain. But they couldn't find which snowball it was coming from!

They were both getting very tired. They sat down to rest for a minute on a long narrow snowball which seemed to be turning into ice. Big Jeff said, "Maybe if we listen real carefully we can locate him!" So they listened as the wind sighed and the snow started to fall again.

"H-E-L-P! HELP!" a voice drifted over the mountain. Rinky said, "There! I heard Father calling for help!" Big Jeff smiled wearily and said, "So did I! And this mountain wind is certainly getting tricky! Why, it seemed as though your father shouted from this very spot! That's silly because he would have to be buried in this . . . in this . . . !"

Without a single word between Big Jeff and Rinky they both jumped up from the long



snowball on which they were sitting and started to hack away at its frozen surface!

"HELP! Get me out of here! I'm freezing!" Rinky's father shouted from inside the snowball. But as hard as they tried, Big Jeff and Rinky couldn't break open the icy ball of snow.

Minutes passed. It got colder and colder. Then Rinky snapped his fingers and exclaimed, "I've got it!" He started shoving the snowball toward a slope which led right down to the Circle-O ranch. Big Jeff laughed as he quickly got the idea. In a few minutes they were ready to start.

Rinky counted tensely, "One . . . two . . . three!" At the count of three they both shoved together. The snowball, with Rinky's father frozen in the middle of it, went rolling smoothly down the hill toward the ranch. Rinky and Big Jeff followed as quickly as their snowshoes would carry them.

The big snowball stopped right outside the ranch house. Big Jeff rushed into the barn and came out with a blow torch. He winked at Rinky and said, "If you had gone along with your father, Rinky, you could have freed him before this snow turned to ice."

Rinky smiled and said, "But I can't have skis till snowmen talk!"

"Ouch! That's hot!" Rinky's father shouted as Big Jeff melted the snowball containing Rinky's ice-cold father.

Big Jeff laughed. "This is one snowman that's talking!" Just then the big snowball cracked wide open and Rinky's father rolled out. He uttered a loud, "WOW! It's great to be out of that thing!"

Then he threw an arm around Rinky's shoulders and grinned, "Rinky, bright and early tomorrow morning I'm going to make you a pair of skis!" Big Jeff grunted and said, "It's no more than fair! After all, Rinky did make a snowman talk!"

Father said, "He sure did!" And they all went into the snug warm ranch house before Rinky's father froze into a genuine snowman!

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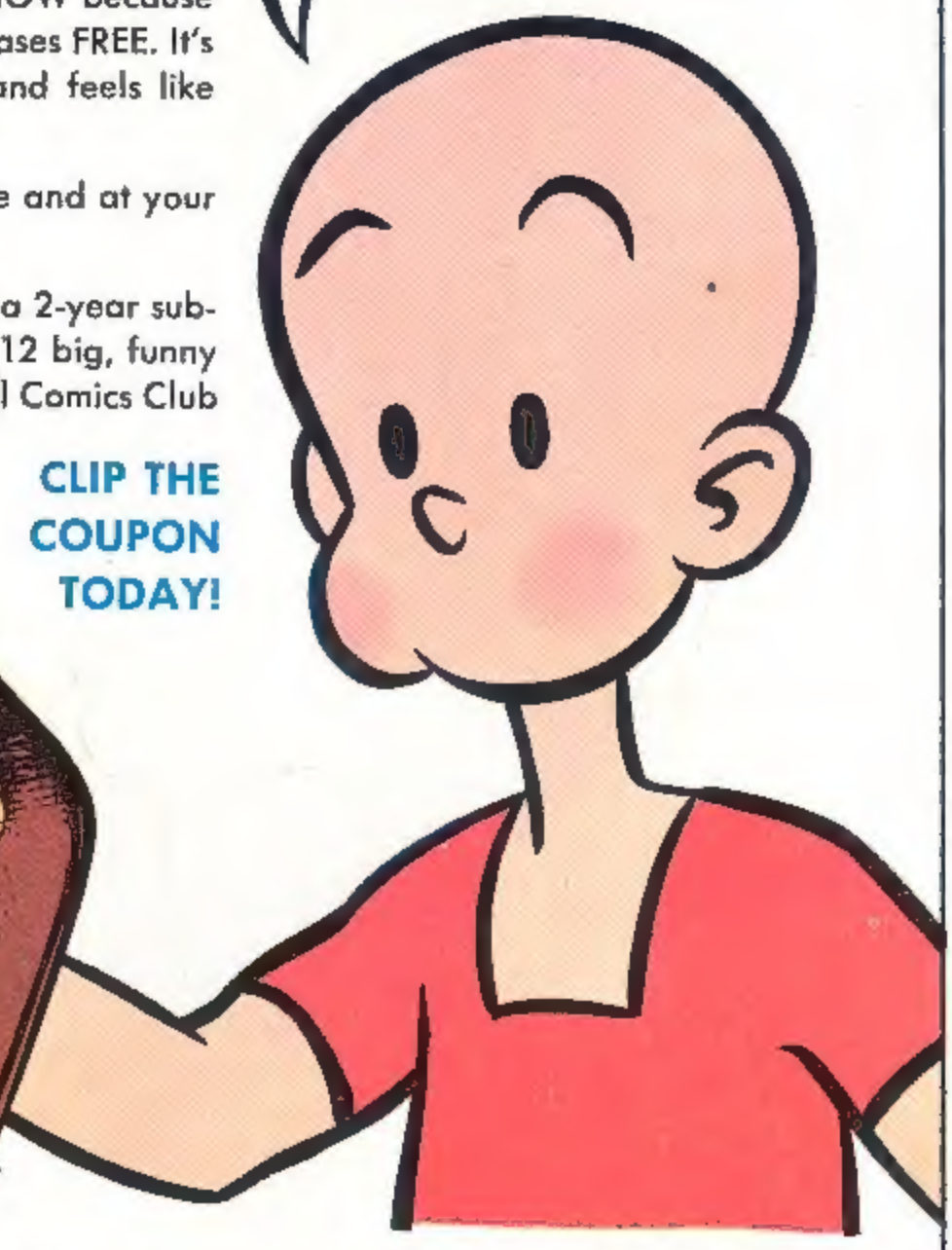

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